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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE
No. 730
Date 2-2-42
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Pootoo Road  
1st February,

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Reduction of workers at the Foo Poong Flour Mill,  
120 Mokanshan Road

Due to bad business, 151 workers were discharged by the management of the Foo Poong Flour Mill, 120 Mokanshan Road, on the 31/1/42, and they were each paid \$400.00 repatriation pay and a finishing gratuity equivalent to one month wages.

The mill now employs 500 workers.

No untoward incident occurred.

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Miss Hinder (Direct)

*D. D. Clark*  
D. I.

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Postoo Road

1st August,

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Labour unrest at the Joh Sing No. 2 and No. 8  
Flour Mills, 5, 6, 7 West Boonchow Road.

Sir,

At 6 p.m. 31/7/41 the management of the above Mills telephoned to this station stating that they were having trouble with their employees, 600 in number, 300 employed in the mill and 300 loading coolies.

A Party of Police attended but no untoward incident occurred. Enquiries show that the cause of unrest is as follows:-

The workers of all the Mills of the Above Co. are allowed to buy from the Mill three tenths of a picul of rice at \$100.00 a picul, at the No. 7 Mill on Tatung Road only half the price i.e. \$15.00 is deducted from their wages and the remainder paid later while at No. 2 & 8 Mills the whole \$30.00 is deducted, the workers at the latter Mills requested that they be on the same terms as No. 7 Mill.

Further in 1939 for two months the Co. was not doing good business and the workers received only 60% of their monthly pay and in 1940 for two months the workers received only 60% of the wages. They now demand that this be repaid and also request a bonus at the end of the year.

The workers are still working and the management

Copies to are considering the demands.

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Rooftop Road  
June 3,

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Report by Mr. C. F. Tien Insp of the Fou Foong  
Flour Mill, 126 Mokanshan Road.

At 2 p.m. 3/6/41, Mr. C.F. Tien came to this  
Station and reported that his company previously  
operated the Sing Tah flour mill which was used <sup>as</sup>  
temporary branch of the above company.

However, the Sing Tah flour mill has recently  
been closed, therefore the services of 63 coolies were  
no longer required, and they were paid off.

Mr. C. F. Tien added that all the coolies were  
in possession of the company's badges which when pro-  
duced allowed them to buy a sack of flour at cost price  
at No. 126 Mokanshan Road.

However, the 63 coolies failed to return their <sup>badges</sup>  
and demanded to have flour at cost price, which was  
refused.

At about 10 a.m. 2/6/41, two persons named  
Chang Tu<sup>2</sup> Sung (張德勝) representative of the Committee  
of the Shanghai Wharf Association and Ching Zung Zong  
(曾善仁), Chief of the Revenue Police of the Nanking  
Government Finance Department, interviewed Mr. C. F.  
Tien and warned him that his company could not treat  
the 63 coolies so inhumanely, but should reemploy them.  
The two men then left their name cards (attached) and



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departed stating they would return later. (no definite time stated).

Mr. C. F. Tien instructed to telephone this Station should the above described men return.

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Sen. Det. i/c. *deB*

*W. H. Grant*  
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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE

Jan. 7, 1941. REG. 73025

for rice

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ers of the Fou Poong Flour Mill request adjustment

ance.

I. A.G. Tilton.

Officer i/c.

Sir,

Information was obtained at 10 A.M. Jan. 7, 1941, from the mill management that 29 of the 31 dismissed workers through earlier mediation by relations and guarantors were invited to the mill office at 4.30 p.m. Jan. 6, when they were paid arrears of wages and travelling expenses totalling \$220.00 each. Each man was handed a bag of flour at \$4.50 and 88 lbs of rice at \$2.85. A bonus of \$500.00 was also handed over to the men to be divided among them.

The two other dismissed workers are expected to call at the mill office in the near future with guarantors for similar treatment.

This decision and disposal of the men by the management was not reported to the station and is contrary to earlier intentions, as stated by them to this station, and confirmed in the letter by their legal adviser who requested arrest and detention of the men.

*A. G. Tilton*  
D.S.I.

D.D.O. "B" Division.

Copies to Sol. Br.  
& Miss Hinder.

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(S.B.) REGISTRY  
DATE 8/1/41



Date December 31st, 1940.

*Shanghai*  
**SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL COUNCIL**

Inspection Report

Name **Fou Poong Flour Mill**  
Nature of Business:  
Address: **126 Mokanshan Road**  
Submitted by: **P. Y. Koo**

Application No:  
Cad. Let.  
District: **Western**  
Read by: *[Signature]*

Industrial Dispute

Some 1,000 workers employed by the Fou Poong Flour Mill, 126 Mokanshan Road, were demanding an increase of \$10.00 in their allowance, in addition to the issue of 65 lbs. of Saigon Rice for \$2.65 which practice had been carried out since September 1st, 1940. In view of difficulties in obtaining "Kan Mee" rice in large quantities, the management were prepared to sell Saigon rice to the workers, but the latter were dissatisfied with this arrangement and took advantage of the circumstances prevailing to make demands for better treatment.

At 6.30 p.m., December 12th, some 300 workers held a meeting on the mill premises, when they decided to request the management to continue the supply of "Kan Mee" or failing that, and should Saigon rice be supplied instead, that they be granted a sum equal to the difference in the prices of "Kan Mee" and Saigon Rice.

Direct negotiations between the representatives of the management and the workers were carried on, but no result was obtained.

At 9.00 A.M. December 14th, four workers' representatives, namely Sung Pung Chong (孫本昌), Sung See Hai (孫士海), Yu See Liang (于士良), and Chang Yueh Tsong (張月忠), called in the office of the Industrial and Social Division, and submitted a petition requesting mediation in the dispute. Their demands were as follows:-

- (1) That a provisional allowance of \$10.00 be granted.
- (2) That a house allowance of \$10.00 each be granted.
- (3) That a retiring allowance of \$50.00 for each year's service be granted.
- (4) That half a picul of 2nd grade Saigon rice (including the 65 lbs. as hitherto granted) be sold at \$2.65 to each worker.
- (5) That no apprentices or workers be dismissed without reason.

Action arising:

At 11.30 a.m. the same day, the Industrial and Social Division representative proceeded to the mill premises and interviewed Mr. Y. P. Sun ( ), the mill manager. He stated that the management had always been generous to the workers. They had readjusted the wage scale since the last strike; they had supplied a bag of flour at \$4.50 (The market price is \$19.00 now) and in addition, had sold one-third of a picul, or 57.5 lbs of 1st grade "Kan Mee" rice to each worker at \$2.50 from May 16th, 1940, and this had been increased to 65 lbs at \$2.85 from September 1st. Owing to the difficulties of purchasing 1st grade "Kan Mee" rice at present, not only all the workers but also the senior staff would be supplied with Saigon rice. Mr. Sun was of the opinion that the unrest was caused by the instigation of a certain group of agitators. The mill is at present operating only three days a week, and may have to close down altogether at the end of this year due to shortage of wheat.

The Industrial and Social Division representative interviewed three workers' representatives, namely Sung Pung Chong, Zung Sao Lung (陳道龍) and Huang Hwa Tsang (黃華章), at 1.00 p.m. on the mill premises. They brought the five new demands and insisted on a satisfactory reply from the management. Should the above five demands be refused by the management, they would all resign from the mill, and each worker would be granted a sum equal to ten years' basic wages as retiring allowance.

The management were informed of the demands and attitude of the workers, whereupon the former flatly refused to consider any concessions. Mr. Y. P. Sun stated that any further negotiations should be made with the mill Head Office.

The workers' representatives were then informed of the attitude of the management, and persuaded to reduce their demands to a minimum, which demands would be brought to the notice of the Mill Head Office for consideration. Further negotiations would be resumed with the representatives at 3.00 p.m. Monday, December 16th. The mill workers, therefore, continued to carry out their duties quietly and in an orderly manner, pending a satisfactory reply from the mill authorities.

At 4.30 p.m. the same day, the Industrial and Social Division representative called on Mr. Russel Y. Sun, manager, at the Head Office, 97 Jinkee Road. Mr Sun stated that he had always tried to treat his workers well, and was willing to make adjustments should those workers of other mills in the same industry be receiving better treatment. The management decided not to accede to the demands of the workers, who were only taking advantage of the circumstances prevailing to demand better treatment, and the management flatly refused to consider any concessions. The mill authorities were prepared to declare a lockout if necessary in order to eliminate undesirable elements in the mill.

At 8.00 a.m. December 16th, the 1,000 male workers of the mill gathered in the compound of the mill, and a sit down strike was declared.

At 9 a.m., five representatives of the workers namely Zung Dao Lung, Huang Hwa Tsang, Hu Wen Lee (胡文礼), Shen

Chan Lwen (沈占倫) and Ming Yu Ching (閻玉清), called in the office of the Industrial and Social Division. They were informed of the firm attitude of the management and persuaded to withdraw their demands in order to avoid a deadlock in the situation.

The Division has made a study of the actual earnings and real wage indices of the workers of both the Fou Foong and Sing Dah Flour Mills as compared with those of the Foh Sing Nos. 2 and 8 Flour Mills for the month of August, 1940. It appears that the former mills have done very well. The real wage indices of the various types of work range from 70 to 80, whereas the general real wage index for the city was about 44 in November. These first two mills were much better "payers" than the Foh Sing Mills.

At 3.30 p.m. the same day, the Industrial and Social Division representative proceeded to the mill and informed some 800 workers gathered inside the mill compound that their demands had been rejected by the management. Efforts were made to persuade the workers to resume work in order to avoid a deadlock, but with no result. Until 6.00 p.m. some 200 workers gathered outside the locked mill gates, where uniformed police and detectives were posted, and wished to enter the mill compound to join the others. They requested the Division representative to negotiate with the police to permit them to go inside. They would make a rush if they were refused. In order to avoid conflict between the strikers and the police outside the locked gates, efforts were made to persuade those gathered outside to remain in their place, and with the permission of the police, a workers' representative was allowed to pass through the gates to make communication between the two groups of strikers. Thus they were satisfied and remained quietly in the mill compound. At 7.00 p.m. the Industrial Division representative left the mill premises.

At 9.00 a.m. December 17th, two workers representatives, named Sze Tung Sung (舒東生) and Lieu Zung Yue (劉仁友), called at the Special Branch Headquarters and submitted a petition requesting Police mediation in the dispute.

The same morning, the strikers were causing interference and preventing the passage of staff, while the mill manager and his family, who reside in quarters on the premises, were also being obstructed. At about 2.30 p.m., some 500 strikers who were on the mill premises and refused to leave, were ejected by the Police at the request of the management.

At 3.00 p.m. December 18th, two workers' representatives, Sze Tung Sung and Chu Kia Huang (朱家璣), again called at the Industrial and Social Division and requested that efforts be made by the Division to bring about an early settlement of the existing dispute. They expressed the opinion that the workers were anxious to settle the trouble over the distribution of rice, and leave the other demands for the further


consideration of the management. It was pointed out to the workers that they had been accorded reasonable treatment and that while the mill was short of wheat, they should realise the actual situation and not make further demands. The management were informed of the worker's attitude, but refused to consider any demands and decided to dismiss 31 workers considered to be the agitators of this strike.

On December 19th, a notice was posted at the entrance to the mill stating that those workers willing to return to work under the management's conditions with regard to the supply of rice and flour, might apply for registration. Some 248 workers registered that day.

On December 24th, registration continued and reached a total of some 700 workers.

Up to December 28th, all the workers of the mill had registered with the management with the exception of some 31 agitators, whom the management intended to dismiss.

The mill reopened this morning, December 30th, 1940. The dispute, therefore, is concluded.



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Workers of the You Woong Flour Mill request adjustment of rice allowance.

D. S. L. Tilton.

Officer i/c.

Sir,

The situation at the You Woong Flour Mill, 126 Yokanehan Road, is now normal, the mill having commenced operations with a full complement of workers at 6 a.m., Monday, Dec. 30, 1940.

According to the Management, some friends and relations of the 31 dismissed agitators have made approaches, and have been informed that the Management have no intention of having any further connections with them.

With the breaking of the strike of the You Woong Mill, the Sing Yue and Sing Sang Mills, the labour situation in the Pootoo Road District has returned to normal.

Information has been received that the Western Branch Labour Union has been instructed to stop agitation among the mill workers. There is no doubt that the recent attempts to bring about major strikes in the Pootoo Road District proved unsuccessful and resulted in a blow to the prestige of the union as returning workers now freely remark that they were misled as regards the union's power, and will ignore future threats of agitators concerning their enrolment in the union.

The workers have stated that the pressure of the Police in ejecting strikers, and arresting agitators was not anticipated while the ignominious retreat of the two union officials from the You Woong Mill before the Police was a final disappointment resulting in agitators being openly ridiculed.

The presence of the Reserve Unit in the district was regarded by the workers as an indication that they



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would be protected against acts of violence by mobs of agitators whom they came to despise for lack of leadership and the circulation of false information concerning the mill management's consideration to guard the workers against hardship by keeping mills running, and avoiding dismissals although short of materials.

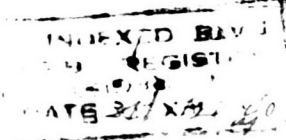
As it is rumoured that the Western Branch Labour Union may work up a General Strike by the Chinese New Year, frequent patrols of the Reserve Unit for the next few weeks in the Pootoo Road District, where some 35,000 mill and factory operators work, would be of great help to prevent labour unrest and discourage agitators.

*A. G. Miller*  
A.G.M.

D.D.O. "B" Division.

Copy to D.C. (Special Branch).

Copy to Miss. Hinder (Industrial Section).



SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

File No.

S. 1. Special Branch

REPORT

Date December 30, 1940

Subject (in full) Fou Foong Flour Mill - re-opens

Made by Clerk Hsu Ta Yung

Forwarded by D. I. Crawford.

The Fou Foong Flour Mill, 126 Mokanshan Road re-opened to-day, December 30, with a complement of some 900 workers who registered with the management. The thirty-one agitators have still failed to apply for their wages and repatriation fees due.

Nothing untoward happened during the reopening of the mill this morning.

Hsu Ta-yung  
Clerk

A. C. (Special Branch).



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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE

S.I, Special

REPORT

File No.	SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE
S. B. REGISTRY	
Branch.	No. S. B. <i>D-302</i>
Date	December 28 1940

Subject (in full) Fou Foong Flour Mill - situation

Made by D.S.I. Loh Wei-kong, Forwarded by D.I. Crawford.

The Fou Foong Flour Mill, 126 Mokanshan Road, remains closed. A number of workers are engaged in cleaning the machinery, and it is learned that the mill intends reopening on December 30 should arrangements be complete.

Despite notices issued by the management, the thirty-one agitators have not yet applied for their wages and repatriation fees. They continue their endeavours to cause unrest among the other workers and have the intention of demanding reinstatement.

*Sent  
28/12*

*[Signature]*  
A.C. (SPECIAL BRANCH).

*Loh Wei Kong*  
D. S. I.

Subject: Fou Foong Flour Mill - labour situation

Made by: D.S.I. Loh Wei Kong Forwarded by: D. I. Crawford.

The Fou Foong Mill, 126 Mokanshan Road, remains closed. Following the notices issued by the management on December 23, approximately 900 workers have registered with the mill and the majority of them have furnished guarantee bonds governing towards further service. It is learned that the following workers are responsible for the recent agitation:

- |                                     |                                   |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1. Sung Bung Chong<br>( 孫 本 昌 )     | 17. Kuh Kwang Nai<br>( 葛 廣 龍 )    |
| 2. Liu Shing Dao<br>( 劉 興 道 )       | 18. Wong Chi Chu<br>( 王 結 初 )     |
| 3. Sung Sze Hai<br>( 孫 自 海 )        | 19. Li Kuh Shaio<br>( 李 克 孝 )     |
| 4. Tsang Sze Ling<br>( 張 士 林 )      | 20. Chi Wei Doo<br>( 紀 會 甫 )      |
| 5. Tsang Yueh Tsoong<br>( 張 月 宗 )   | 21. Sze Tung Sung<br>( 舒 東 生 )    |
| alias<br>Nyi Dao Loong<br>( 倪 大 隆 ) | 22. Kuh Chung Ling<br>( 葛 中 林 )   |
| 6. Zung Kuo Liang<br>( 陳 國 良 )      | 23. Loo Kuh Fang<br>( 魯 克 方 )     |
| 7. Yue Sze Liang<br>( 于 士 良 )       | 24. Tsiang Zoen Sing<br>( 蔣 傳 新 ) |
| 8. Yang Zuh Tse<br>( 楊 澤 之 )        | 25. Woo Wen Zien<br>( 胡 文 泉 )     |
| 9. Chuen Ling Foo<br>( 楮 林 甫 )      | 26. Kao Tse Ping<br>( 高 致 平 )     |
| 10. Ting Yuen Ling<br>( 丁 玉 林 )     | 27. Zao Ting Hung<br>( 曹 廷 洪 )    |
| 11. Chu Chia Huang<br>( 朱 家 黃 )     | 28. Nyu Tuh Shien<br>( 牛 得 軒 )    |
| 12. Tung Yung Piao<br>( 童 永 標 )     | 29. Liu Tseng Zung<br>( 呂 正 仁 )   |
| 13. Wong Hwa Tsang<br>( 黃 華 章 )     | 30. Sung Chuen Lung<br>( 沈 占 倫 )  |
| 14. Zung Tai Chung<br>( 陳 泰 宗 )     | 31. Hoo Chi Yue<br>( 何 其 友 )      |
| 15. Zung Ching Loong<br>( 陳 金 龍 )   |                                   |
| 16. Tsang Feng Ling<br>( 張 鳳 林 )    |                                   |

Of these agitators, the first mentioned fourteen

*Suggested to  
D.C. B. that the  
agitators should  
be removed if possible  
and returned to Hong  
Kong.*



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persons are believed to be the most active.  
According to the management, those agitators still  
continue their endeavours to create unrest among  
the other employees of the mill. They visit the  
mill premises and the workers quarters frequently  
with the intention of holding meetings and inciting  
their colleagues to cause further agitation.

The management will issue wages due to the  
workers to-day, December 27.

*Loei Wei Hong*  
D. S. I.

A. C. ( Special Branch ).

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DECEMBER 27, 40.

workers of Fou Poong Flour Mill request adjustment of rice allowance.

D.S.I. A.G. Tilton.

*A.G. Tilton*

Inspt. i/c.

Sir,

The situation at the above mill is now normal and operations are scheduled to commence at 5 a.m. Monday, Dec. 30, 1940.

With the exception of the 31 workers announced as dismissed by the management for agitating the strike, all have registered for work and provided reliable guarantors. The management are now considering a rise in pay for all workers at the Chinese New Year.

The 31 dismissed men failed to turn up to claim their wages and other allowances by 12 noon Dec. 27, and have therefore forfeited same.

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Arrangements have been made to continue precautionary measures at the mill and in the vicinity by uniform police and detectives until the mill resumes operations.

In the event of any of the dismissed employees turning up, they will be escorted to the station for interrogation and possible detention in order to convey to them that being old offenders they are regarded as a nuisance by loyal workers and intimidation is regarded as a serious matter by the Police.

D.D.O. "B" Division.

D.S.I. *A.G. Tilton*

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*A.G. Tilton*

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE  
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 Date December 25, 40.

Further  
 workers of Fou Foong Flour Mill request adjustment of rice allowance.

D.S.I. A.G. Tilton.

*A. R. Parker* / Insp. i/c.

Sir,

At about 11 p.m. Dec. 23, the Management of the Fou Foong Flour Mill telephoned to D.S.I. Tilton that rumours were being spread that some 600 workers in trucks would collect at the mill gates early on Dec. 24 and rush the premises. The management were informed that necessary precautions had been taken and the situation was very quiet.

The 25 workers in custody were arraigned before the S.S.D. Court at 9 a.m. Dec. 24, when application was made for their release. Mr. Dien Tseng Poo (田隆甫), Assistant Manager, represented the Fou Foong Flour Mill.

Following their release from Court, Mr. Dien Tseng Poo brought the 25 workers to the station by hire cars and motor trucks in order to obtain their searched property.

The 25 men all stated to D.S.I. Tilton that they desired to accompany Mr. Dien Tseng Poo to the mill in order to resume work. Mr. Dien Tseng Poo granted their request and they returned to the mill. At about 11 a.m. the mill management telephoned to the station and reported that some 300 workers had already gathered outside the premises and were requesting permission to enter and register.

Following this message was another from the mill office stating that two representatives of the Labour Union, Western Branch, had called at the office.

D.S.I. Tilton, Gen. Mt. i/c., with D.I. Yeung



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Pan Zung attended and found the two union officials, who produced two identification certificates of their Bureau.

1. Yang Kyung Loong (楊景龍), 29, Shanghai, attached to the Labour Department of the Social Bureau of Shanghai City Government, 527 Kangs Road.
2. Tsang Ming Sung (張明聰), 22, Hupoh, attached to the Labour Union, Western Branch, 119 Stearns Road.

The latter was dressed in foreign clothes and stated to D.S.I. Tilton that his object in coming to the mill was to interview the management on behalf of 700 workers registered with the Union, who had appealed for assistance to negotiate with the mill management. He added that the workers desired to return to work and any dispute could be immediately settled. They were informed by D.S.I. Tilton that the workers were already returning without disputing the management's conditions.

The D.O. "B" was informed and as instructed by him the two men were informed by D.S.I. Tilton that the Municipal Police regarded any interference and intimidation of mill workers proceeding to their work as a very serious matter affecting law and order. Any so called agitators found doing so were liable to immediate arrest and detention together with others already in custody. The question of registering with the Union was clearly a matter for the workers to decide for themselves while the mill management's adjustments in the mills did not interest the Police.

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The officials admitted that they were not invited to the mill, whereupon the management was interviewed by D.S.I. Tilton and stated that there was nothing they desired to discuss with the Union officials at this time.

The two officials were advised of this decision and informed that they could visit the Special Branch, S.M.P. Headquarters, if they desired more information, while Doctoo Road Station should be informed of any other intended visits by them to the mills as the workers were mostly ignorant and the majority resented interference by agitators who may be assaulted. The Union officials then asked permission to address the workers gathered outside the gate which D.S.I. Tilton declined to permit.

By this time, some 800 mill workers had gathered outside the premises and when the officials left a few agitators clapped their hands and the official named Teang Ming Sung remarked they could return to work. The workers made no attempt to stop or question them, as they walked away and requested to see the 25 men released, following which they were addressed by D.S.I. Tilton and D.I. Voong Pah Zing to be quiet and orderly. The work of registration of the men then commenced without further incident and in good order with the Reserve Unit waiting at the corner of Tonquin and Mekong Roads for action against agitators.

Some 600 workers who reside in the mill quarters at the entrance to the mill premises were permitted by the management to enter and reside there again in order to join their families. The situation by 6 p.m.

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was normal and the workers all in good humour.

The mill management intend to open the mill and commence operations when sufficient wheat is available within the next few days.

The situation at 6 a.m. Dec. 25, 1940, was quiet.

All available detectives with uniform mobile search parties assisted by Reserve Unit are patrolling in the district from 5.30 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily to guard against intimidation by agitators and Union agents who are known to be operating in the district, with the intent to force the other mill workers to strike which so far have proved unsuccessful.

*A. G. Allen*  
— D.S.I. —

D.S.O. "B" Division.

Copies to Spl. Br.  
& Miss Hinder,  
Industrial Section.

Translation.

(1) Letter of Apology.

Date...../...../40.

The Management,

The Fou Foong Flour Mill.

Sirs,

I deeply regret that I was misled and induced to strike by agitators, which true facts have disclosed. In order to show that I have repented, I sincerely signed this letter.

Please allow me to return to work and I will obey the mill regulations.

Signed by .....

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(2) Letter of Guarantee.

Date...../...../40.

The Fou Foong Flour Mill,

The undersigned hereby willingly guarantees one named..... when employed by you as a coolie, and assumes the entire responsibility for any impeachment of your regulations by the latter, such as neglect of work, committing theft in the mill, etc., and for these purposes, this letter has been duly signed.

Name of Guarantor.....  
Address.....  
Chop of Shop.....

Name of employee.....  
Age.....  
Nationality.....  
Married or single.....  
Members of family.....  
Past employment.....  
Private Address.....

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE  
MIS. S. B. RE. 397/40.  
S. B. D. 9302  
Footoo Road  
Date 24 12 40  
Dec. 23, 40

Workers of the Fou Foong Flour Mill request adjustment of rice allowance

D.S.I. Tilton.

Officer i/c.

Sir,

In connection with the 25 men detained on a Writ of Detention for being concerned with others not in custody in maliciously damaging the roof of the mill, the Management have requested that the police release these men.

The Management of the mill hold that the arrested men are good workers and were led away to the roof of the godown by agitators who were actually responsible for causing damage to the extent of \$920.00 to the godown roof. The estimate for repairs to the roof is \$2,500.00.

In view of the request by the Management, the 25 accused will be arraigned before the S.S.D. Court on Dec. 24, 1940. for release. The accused have no previous convictions.



*A. S. Tilton*  
D.S.I.

D.D.O. "B" Division.

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Pootoo Road.

Further December 22, 40.

Workers of the Fou Poong Flour Mill request adjustment of rice allowance.

D.S.I. Tilton.

Inspt. i/c.

Sir,

At about 10.30 a.m. Friday, December 20, the management of the Fou Poong Flour Mill telephoned in a report to D.S.I. Tilton that some 30 agitators had gathered along Tonquin Road and in the vicinity of the mill with intent to cause disturbances. Mr. Russell Sung and Dr. Y.L. Yao, lawyer, telephoned in similar reports later. D.S.I. Tilton informed these persons that there were two detectives on patrol at the mill and reports received indicated that all was quiet. Furthermore, such rumours were to be expected under the circumstances when workers were returning to the mill which agitators desired to stop.

Dr. Yao went on to say that the management expected the police to be able to extract such information from the 25 men in custody whereby the 31 known agitators could be arrested and charged with instigating a strike.

As this conversation was held over the telephone and Dr. Yao was apparently rather hazy concerning the intention of the mill management. He was advised and agreed to attend Pootoo Road Station during the forenoon Saturday Dec. 21, 1940 in order to go into the matter thoroughly.

Dr. Yao attended the station with Mr. Russell Sung at about 11.15 a.m. where a conference was held, with the D.O. "B" and Officer i/c.

Mr. Russell Sung intimated that he was only concerned in the ~~welfare~~ of his loyal workers and would not give in to demands made by the paid agitators. He was quite



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prepared to close the mill for six months and give his loyal workers half pay during the period.

As results of these discussions, Mr. Hung stated that they would issue two notices, one declaring the dismissal of the 31 agitators, and the other setting a time limit for registration of the loyal workers to resume work and collect their salaries.

A check of the 25 men in custody with information of the workers by the management disclosed them to be good workers. They have been interrogated at the station and declared that they fled to the roof to hide when the police entered the mill premises and agitators already there forced them to remain.

The management suggested that in view of this, the release of the men would be beneficial, so another notice was made to this effect by Dr. Yao.

A translation of the three notices are attached for perusal and comment by the Special Branch before posting by the management. As the third notice was hardly suitable, some corrections have been suggested by D.S.I. Tilton.

*A.G. Tilton*  
D.S.I.

D.D.O. "B".

Copies to Miss Hinder, Industrial Section and Special Branch.

Translation.

(1)

Notice is hereby given that the recent strike occurred in our mill has been found to have been provoked by a small number of our undesirable workers, who made numerous groundless rumours and collected work books from various co-workers by a forcible measure. This prevented the majority of the loyal workers from carrying out their work and also great suffering for the past few days. In order to protect the welfare of the loyal workers, the following 31 agitators are dismissed accordingly.

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|--------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| 1. Sung Pung Chong.                        | 2. Chang Voong Ling.                      |
| 3. Sung Sze Hai.                           | 4. Yue Sze Liang.                         |
| 5. Teu Kye Huang.                          | 6. Lieu Shing Dau.                        |
| 7. Ting Yue Ling.                          | 8. Kyi Hwei Dau.                          |
| 9. Kao sz Ping.                            | 10. woo yen Lee (alias woo Vung Zee)      |
| 11. Zung Zau Leong alias Zung Ching Loong. |                                           |
| 12. Huang Hua Chang.                       | 13. Wong Kyi Tsoo.                        |
| 14. Tsang sz Ling.                         | 15. Tsang Yue Tsoong alias Nyi Dah Loong. |
| 16. Zung Tai Chung.                        | 17. Chuen Ling Foo.                       |
| 18. Liu Tseng Zung.                        | 19. Loo Kuh Fong.                         |
| 20. Yang Zuh Te.                           | 21. Sung Tsoo Lung.                       |
| 22. See Tung Sung.                         | 23. Zau Ding Hung.                        |
| 24. Lee Yuen Fong.                         | 25. Tung Tung Pien.                       |
| 26. Chiang Zou Sing.                       | 27. Wee Chi Yue.                          |
| 28. Lee Kuh Heiao.                         | 29. Kuh Tsoong Ling.                      |
| 30. Bow Tuh Hsien.                         | 31. Zung Kuo Liang.                       |

The above dismissed persons are limited to obtain their necessary wages at the entrance of our mill only between 10 a.m. and 12 noon on 23.12.40. and 24.12.40. respectively. Failing to come forward for wages within the limits of time, their wages are to be regarded as being given up on their own accord, which will be dealt in accordance with our mill's regulations and the factory Law.

Yon Poong Flour Mill.

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It is well known that our workers are always regarded as loyal. The 31 agitators who were proved to be responsible for provoking the present strike, have been dismissed in order to ensure that our workers work in safety and a notice has been posted to that effect.

We expect that the remaining workers will return to

register themselves for work at the entrance of our mill gate between 9 a.m. and 12 noon on December 26, 27 and 28 respectively, when they will be granted permission to obtain in advance their monthly wages and purchase rice and flour from the mill management. There are no restrictions to any one who has an intention to resign and do not desire to continue work. They may attend the mill for their wages in arrears in accordance with our mill regulations.

(3) Notice is hereby given that the following twenty five workers, who were arrested and detained by the police during the strike, will be set free at the request of our mill very soon. We found that their arrests were effected by misunderstanding during a complicated period when they took refuge on the roof of our factory.

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| 1. Hoh Sieu Kyng.    | 2. Lai Zou Zung.      |
| 3. Zung Yoong Chuen. | 4. Tung Zu Zung.      |
| 5. Tung Kyi Vung.    | 6. Lee Kua Keong.     |
| 7. Iao Sim Hung.     | 8. Woo Sau Chien.     |
| 9. Chiang Ya Yee.    | 10. Yang Ah S.        |
| 11. Sze Poo Pau      | 12. Tsang Ching Ping. |
| 13. Lieu Sing Zung.  | 14. Sung Kuo Foo.     |
| 15. Hoh Pung Zang.   | 16. Zung Yee Yuen.    |
| 17. Wong Sing Tsao   | 18. Wong Kung Zai.    |
| 19. Tau Loong Shing. | 20. Lieu Kya Zung.    |
| 21. Sung Tseng Hai.  | 22. Wong Han Tang.    |
| 23. Zee Yue Sung.    | 24. Teah Shing Yuen.  |
| 25. Sung Hwa Koo.    |                       |

Fou Foong Flour Mill.

(suggested correction of the above notice).

Notice is hereby given that the following twenty five workers, who were arrested and detained by the Police during the strike, will be set free at the request of our mill very soon. We believed that their arrests were effected on a misunderstanding during a complicated period, when they took refuge on the roof of our factory and found other undesirable workers gathered there for malicious purposes. These 25 workers will also be permitted to register for work.

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| 1. Hoh Siau Kyng.    | 2. Lai Zou Zung.      |
| 3. Zung Yoong Chuen. | 4. Tung Zu Zung.      |
| 5. Tung Kyi Vung.    | 6. Lee Kuh Koong.     |
| 7. Yao Sim Hing.     | 8. Woo sau Chien.     |
| 9. Chiang Ya Yee.    | 10. Yang Ah S.        |
| 11. Sze Poo Pau.     | 12. Tsang Ching Ping. |
| 13. Lieu Sing Zung.  | 14. Sung Kuo Foo.     |
| 15. Hoh Pung Zung.   | 16. Zung Yee Yuen.    |
| 17. Wong Sing Tsee.  | 18. Wong Hung Zai.    |
| 19. Fou Loong Shing. | 20. Lieu Kya Zung.    |
| 21. Sung Tseng Hoi.  | 22. Wong Han Tung.    |
| 23. Zhe Yue Tung.    | 24. Tsah Shing Huen.  |
| 25. Sung Hwa Koo.    |                       |

Fou Yoong Flour Mill.

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

Section I, Special Branch

REPORT

Date December 23, 1940.

Subject (in full) Fou Poong Flour Mill - labour situation.

Made by D. S. I. Loh Wei Kong. Forwarded by D. I. Crawford.

The Fou Poong Flour Mill, 126 Mokanshan Road, remains closed. On the morning of December 23, three notices were issued by the management, calling on the workers to register with the mill, and announcing its attitude towards the agitators. A translation of these notices is attached. It is learned that there are some 300 workers in the mill premises.

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A. C. (Special Branch).

Loh Wei Kong  
D. S. I.

Translation (1)

Notice is hereby given that a labour dispute recently occurred in this mill and it is known to have been instigated by a few undesirable elements who deliberately spread rumours, blinding the public to the truth, and also conducted intimidation. They further adopted forcible measures and collected "work books", with the result that the majority of the peaceful workers have been unable to carry on their work and have been made to suffer during the past few days. For the sake of the welfare of the peaceful workers, the unruly elements would have been discharged, but the mill management preferred to give them special consideration even though the fault is theirs. Those workers will be treated in a similar manner to those retired of their own accord in conformity with the regulations of this mill whereby they are granted double wages at the year end and a repatriation fee of \$50.00 each in addition to the pay for the current month.

This shows a definite leniency on the part of the management and those concerned may call at the main entrance of this mill and receive payment between 10 a.m. and 12 noon on December 26, 27 and 28, failing which they will be considered to have voluntarily surrendered their benefits.

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Translation (2)

Notice is hereby given that the labourers of our mill are well known for their faithfulness. The recent dispute was caused at the instigation of a few unruly elements who have been informed to resign so that the loyal workers can work in safety, and a notice to this effect has been issued. It is hoped that the remaining workers will appear at the main entrance of this mill between 9 a.m. and 12 noon on December 23 and 24 for registration, and they will receive the wages granted to them every month as a loan, as well as the purchase of rice and flour. Those who have no intention to continue their services may resign of their own accord, and they will be paid off according to the regulations of this mill.

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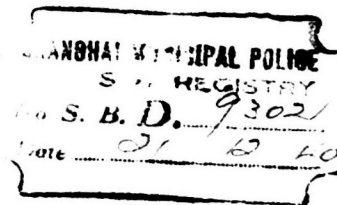
Translation (3)

Notice is hereby given that the following twenty-five workers were arrested by the Police during the recent trouble in the mill:-

Huh Siu Ching	Sung Kuo Foo
Lur Zau Zung	Huh Beng Zang
Zung Yung Zoen	Zung Yee Yuen
Tung Zu Zung	Wong Sing Tsao
Tung Kyi Vung	Wong Keng Zai
Li Kuh Kung	Chu Loong Shing
Yao Siao Hung	Liu Kia Zung
Hu Sao Chien	Sung Tseng Shi
Tsiang Hsueh Yien	Wong Nan Tang
Yang Ah Sze	Zee Yue Vung
Sze Foo Pao	Tsai Shing Yuen
Tsang Ching Ping	Sung Fah Koo
Liu Sing Zung	

They were found to have been apprehended by mistake when they took refuge on the mill roof, and due consideration should be given them. With approval of the Police at our request, these workers will be released. They will be allowed to work in the mill without the necessary procedure in respect of registration as a favour.

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National Herald :-

LABOUR TROUBLE IN FU FOONG FLOUR MILL

This paper to-day publishes a letter received from the entire body of workers of the Fu Foong Flour Mill ( ~~上海麵粉廠~~ ) on Mekanshan Road, stating that the workers have declared a hunger strike in order to hasten the awakening of their management. The letter appeals to the public for support.

P. T. O.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE  
REGISTRY  
Dec. 20, 1940.  
B. D. 23240.

Workers of the You Foong Flour Mill request adjustment of rice allowance.

D.S.I. Tilton.

Officer i/c.

Sir,

At about 10:30 p.m. Dec. 18, 1940, P.P.S. 149 Nocera reported from the You Foong Flour Mill that Mr. Dien Teeng Poo ( *Wing H* ), Assistant Manager, had requested that about 200 workers be allowed to come into the mill. According to information these men were meeting in the vicinity of a cigarette shop on Tonquin Road, from where they had communicated by telephone to the mill office and had explained that agitators had demanded that all workers supply photographs to them in order to register with the Shanghai Labour Union, Western Branch, which many loyal workers wished to avoid.

D.S. Turner made enquiries along Tonquin Road, but could find no workers gathered there, while P.P.S. Nocera reported that there were no workers outside the mill.

D.S. Turner then informed the Senior Detective, D.S.I. Tilton, of the matter concerning the management's request. Mr. Sung Pah Chun and Mr. Russell Sung later telephoned to D.S.I. Tilton at about 11 p.m., when the D.O. "B" was informed. The above named were informed in turn that it was a matter for the mill management to decide, however, Mr. Russell Sung finally decided, and confirmed over the telephone that the workers be kept out of the mill premises and they would be officially informed the following morning about permission being granted for their return to work.

At about 12 noon, Dec. 19, 1940, a notice was posted to this effect at the mill gates. The translation is as follows:-



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"It has been understood that the strike was instigated by a few agitators, who compelled the loyal workers to cease work, therefore we believe that the majority of the workers have no intention to strike at all. Now, the circumstances concerning the issue of rice and flour to the workers are explained in the following:-

1. The Management will try their best to secure as much as possible the first quality local rice for the workers, when this becoming impossible, wuhu rice and first quality Saigon rice will be issued.

2. The Management assure the workers that over \$10,000 bags of flour will be reserved to meet the demands of the workers.

Those who are satisfied with the above will be allowed to enter the mill to register for employment.

**Management of the You Young Flour Mill."**

At about 4 p.m. Dec. 19, 1940, information was received that some 300 workers had proceeded individually along Robison Road to the vicinity of Jessfield park O.O.L. and held a meeting there at 5 p.m.

Mr. Sung Yeh Chun handed to D.S.I. Tilton a report of the damage done to the roof by the strikers and particulars of the agitators among the workers. A translation of the report is as follows:-

**MILL REPORT**

Estimate of damages caused by agitators to the roof of the godown of the You Young Flour Mill.

1. Over 1,800 tiles broken (each valued at 40 ct4)

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2. Over 800 tiles dismantled from the roof.

Approx. \$920.00.

3. Expenses will be incurred in repairing.

Approx. \$2500.00.

Total. \$3420.00.List of Agitators (Those underlined are ringleaders)

1. Sung Pung Chong (孫本昌), native of Anhwei.  
Chairman of the Workers' Union of the Fou Foong Flour Mill and the Chief Representative of the workers.
2. Tsang Yoong Ling (張鳳領), native of Shantung.
3. Sung Ts Hsi (孫自海), native of Anhwei.
4. Yue Sz Liang (于在良) " " "
5. Tsu Kya Huang (朱家璜) " " "
6. Lieu Shing Dao (劉興道) " " "
7. Ting Wyoh Ling (丁玉林) " " "
8. Kyi Wei Too (紀金猷) " " "
9. Woo Yung Zee (胡友泉) " " "
10. Kao Ts Ping (高政平) " " "
11. Tsang Yoeh Tsoong (張月富) alias Hui Dah Loong  
(倪大隆), native of Anhwei.
12. Zung Tai Tsoong (張泰中) " " "
13. Lu Tsung Zung (呂至仁) " " "
14. Ho Chi Yue (何聖友) " " "
15. Chuen Ling Poo (叔林甫) " " "
16. Lee Kuh Faung (李克芳) " " "
17. Lee Kuh Siao (李克孝) " " "
18. Kwoh Ts Liang (郭子亮) " " "
19. Chiang Chuen Sing (蔣傳新) " " "
20. Yang Tsuh Ts (楊澤之) " " "

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21. Huang Hua Tsang (黄华章), native of Ashwei.
22. Zung Ching Leong (陈金福), " " "
23. Kuh Tsoong Ling (高志林), " " "
- ✓ 24. Sung Kyien Lung (沈占伦), " " "
25. Wong Kyi Tsoo (王健初), " " "
26. Soo Tung Sung (舒东生), native of Paoshan.
27. Tsang Gu Ling (陈士林), native of Ashwei.
28. Lieu Tuh Hsien (牛德軒), " " "
29. Tsau Ding Hsing (曹定洪), " " "
30. Tung Yung Pien (董永平), native of Yangchow.
31. Lee Yui Fong (李有芳), native of Ashwei.

We beg to point out that above 31 persons took an active part in the strike <sup>which</sup> occurred in September 1939. Some of them were instigators and later arrested by the Pootoo Road police station, a perusal of your record will verify this. During the present strike, these persons have been again active under the following circumstances:

(1) When the management decided to issue Saigon rice to the workers instead of the first quality local rice, the 2nd named Tsang Voong Ling declared a protest and later the 1st named Sung Pung Chong called a union workers meeting at the Fou Fong Flour Mill.

(2) Many of the above named persons with the 1st named Sung Pung Chong as leader <sup>called</sup> the workers to sign the votes which nominated them as representatives of the workers in order to oppose the mill management.

(3) Sung Pung Chong had three conversations with the office staff, during which he used threats as follows-

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- (a) If the management refuse their demands, they would seek assistance from the Labour Union in the Western District of Shanghai, as a result of which, the mill would suffer from a greater loss than that borne by the workers.
- (b) They were well-equipped with arms and expected that the office staff would not interfere with their activities in order to avoid bloodshed.
- (c) In time of necessity, they would organise "Kao 3" (suicide) squads to start a bitter fight with the management.
- (d) If the present owners cease to run the mill, they could get other capitalists to operate as successors.

(4) Due to the fact that most of the workers are illiterate, Sung Pung Chong and his followers were afraid that the signatures of the workers' votes would be unreliable, they therefore spread the following rumours in order to gain greater support from the workers.

- (a) The management will issue broken rice instead of the 1st quality local rice in near future.
- (b) The management will eventually cease to issue any rice at all.
- (c) The procedure of purchasing cheap flour from the mill will also stop.

(5) The above named ringleaders compelled the loyal workers to go on strike on Dec. 16, and obstructed their passage to the mill quarters.

D.D.O."B" Div.

Copy to D.C.  
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(6) Numerous handbills were posted in the mill in

- Miss Hinder, order to spread rumours.  
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During the afternoon of Dec. 20, 160 workers returned for work in the mill, where they remain.

*A. G. Miller*  
D.S.I.

CONFIDENTIAL

December 20, 1940.

Fou Foong Flour Mill - situation

The Fou Foong Flour Mill, 126 Mokanshan Road, remains closed.

According to information obtained, a number of workers of the mill intend applying for assistance from the General Labour Union, Lane 95, 10 Edinburgh Road and the Chinese Labourers' Welfare Association, 16 Yung Foong Fang, North Szechuen Road, O.O.L. The following are reported to be representatives of the workers in keeping contact with the Union and the Association in question :-

SUNG BUNG CHONG (孫本昌).

WOO WEN LIEN (胡文連).

ZUNG SHAO LOONG (陳紹龍).

TING YU LING (丁玉林).



SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE  
S. I. Branch  
B. D. 9302

REPORT

S. I., Special Branch

Date December 19, 1940.

Subject..... Fou Foong Flour Mill - Situation

Made by D.S.I. Loh Wei Kong Forwarded by D.I. Crawford

The Fou Foong Flour Mill, 126 Mokanshan Road, remains closed to-day, December 19.

At about noon to-day, a notice issued by the management was posted at the entrance of the mill. Translated, it reads as follows :

"The present labour dispute is known to have been caused at the instigation of a few undesirable elements, who fabricated rumours and coerced workers to go on a "tai-kung" strike. Such agitation is against the will of the majority of employees. The management now publishes the measures governing the issue of rice and flour as given below :

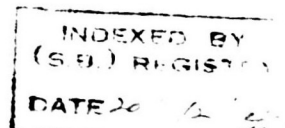
- (1) The Company will endeavour to purchase as much "Ken Mee" rice as possible. If it is difficult to obtain that "Wuhu See Mee" or Saigon Rice will be issued instead.
- (2) The Company will reserve some 10,000 bags of flour which will be sold to the workers every month at a special price.

Those who are satisfied with these measures may register with the mill from this date."



A.C. (Special Branch)

Loh Wei Kong  
D. S. I.



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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE  
FBI REGISTRY

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S. I. Special Branch

REPORT

Date December 18, 1940

Subject Fou Foong Flour Mill - unrest

Made by D.S.I. Loh Wei Kong

Forwarded by D. I. Crawford

The Fou Foong Flour Mill, 126 Yokanshen Road, remains closed this morning, December 18.

On December 17, two workers named Sze Tung Sung (許東生) and Lieu Zung Yue (劉仲岳) claiming to represent their colleagues called at Special Branch Headquarters and submitted a petition requesting Police mediation in the present dispute. The petition contains the following demands:

1. That a provisional allowance of \$10.00 be granted.
2. That the workers be granted a house allowance of \$10.00 each.
3. That a provident fund of \$50.00 a year be granted the workers.
4. That no apprentices and workers be dismissed without reason.
5. That the quantity of rice (2nd grade Saigon rice) be increased to  $\frac{1}{2}$  "zar" (including the 65-lbs as hitherto granted).

They were informed to appoint official representatives and inform the other workers not to create any trouble.

During the afternoon of the same day, the following three workers appeared at Special Branch, stating that they had been appointed by their colleagues as representatives:

Sze Tung Sung (許東生), residing at 405, Route Tenant de la Tour.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

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Lieu Zung Yue (劉仁友), residing at 36,  
quarters of the Fou  
Foong Mill.

Tsang Yue Chung (張月忠), residing at 34,  
quarters of the Fou  
Foong Mill.

They expressed the opinion that the workers were anxious to settle the trouble over the distribution of rice, and leave the other demands for further consideration of the management. It was pointed out to the workers that they have been accorded reasonable treatment and that while the mill is short of wheat, they should not ignore the actual situation and make further demands. They were further told that their application for mediation would receive consideration, but the workers should observe peace and good order.

At about 2.30 p.m., some 500 workers who were on the mill premises and refused to leave, were ejected by the Police at the request of the management. A total of 25 workers who are believed to be agitators were apprehended.

On the morning of December 18, Sze Tung Sung and one Chu Kie Kuang (朱家廣), two representatives of workers, again called at Special Branch and apart from reporting the situation in the mill, requested that efforts be made by the Police to bring about an early settlement of the existing dispute.

A.C. (Special Branch)

Low Hoo Kong  
D. S. I.

### ***Strikers Fighting***

## **False Riot Alarm In Mill Strike**

Police riot vans were again summoned to the compound of the Fou Foong Flour Mill on Mokanshan Road yesterday morning when workers of the mill, who had been on a sit-down strike since Monday, were reported to have started a fight among themselves.

When the police vans reached the site of the mill, however, all was quiet on the mill compound. The fight had already been settled by the workers themselves and the sit-down strike was still in full swing.

Both mill officials and representatives of the workers saw no immediate solution to the dispute. Thus far, the management has not yet replied to the workers' demand for rice instead of wheat which had been granted to them by the mill for several months.

Police authorities yesterday reported that tailors employed by Szechuen Road tailor shops, who went on strike last week, returned to their jobs after being granted substantial increases in rice allowance and salaries.

The same source indicated that the 150 service men of the Otis Elevator Company were expected to return to work within the next two days. The lift workers struck last Friday when the company failed to reply to the demands submitted by them.

Meanwhile, the strike of about 30 Chinese workers at the Journal de Shanghai, local French daily, remained yesterday at a deadlock. The management of the paper was reported to have told the workers to call for their pay if they refuse to return to their jobs. The journal appeared on the news-stands as usual yesterday.

Central China Daily News, Bing Pao, New China Daily News,  
Kuo Min Daily News (17/12) :-

LABOUR DISPUTE IN THE FOO FOONG COTTON WEAVING FACTORY

The workers of the Foo Foong Cotton Weaving Factory on Mokanshan Road went on "a" "tai-kung" strike on Saturday morning. Yesterday, about 500 workers left the factory.

One of the demands submitted by the workers is that the money saved in buying foreign rice be issued to the workers instead of domestic rice because the management was supplying the workers with foreign rice instead of domestic rice. The management rejected their demands.

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Memorandum.

POLICE FORCE.  
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.

Shanghai, December 17 1940.

To D.D.O. "B".

Sir,

The management reported later that a survey of the damage disclosed some 800 tiles missing and some 2000 broken. The cost of replacement being about \$700.00.

D.S.I. *A. H. Kellin*  
Sen. Det. *1/6*  
P.R.

MISC. MUNICIPAL POLICE  
S. G. REGISTRY  
Pootoo Road, 7302  
December 17 1940

Further

Workers of Fou Poong Flour Mill request adjustment in rice allowance.

D.S.I. A.G. Tilton.

*E.L.*  
Insp. i/c.

Sir,

Instructions were received from the D.O. "B" at 11.45 a.m. Dec. 17, 1940, by the Officer i/c District, that the mill premises would be cleared of the strikers at 2.15 p.m. with the assistance of the Reserve Unit.

The Management of the mill had reported earlier that the strikers were interfering and preventing the passage of the staff, while the mill manager and his family, who reside in quarters on the premises, were also being obstructed. It was feared that agitators would finally be able to work up the strikers and cause damage to the mill. The management therefore had decided to ask for Police assistance, in requesting or ejecting, the strikers from the premises.

In accordance with instructions of the D.O. "B" at 2 p.m. 17.12.40. D.S.I. Tilton with D.S.I. T'ang Tsu Hung and D.I. Voong Pak Zung attended the mill compound and were able to quietly gather some 600 strikers together. These men left the mill premises at 2.15 p.m. upon arrival of the Reserve Unit under Supt. Chamberlain accompanied by the D.O. "B" and Officer i/c District.

A few shouts of "Tang," "Tang", were heard, however, followed by officers of the Reserve Unit, the strikers dispersed along Mohanshan Road.

Inside the premises some 20 strikers suddenly appeared upon the roofs of a large rice godown, from where they commenced to tear bricks and large tiles from the building and threw at the Police. There were



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no casualties.

The D.O. "B" then instructed that a unit of the S.F. Brigade be summoned to attend in order to force these persons to withdraw by playing a hose pipe at them which would enable a police party to enter the ground floor of the godown, and remove the men from the roofs.

The men on the roof withdrew upon observing preparations for this action. A party of uniform police and Reserve Unit officers on instructions of Supt. Chamberlain, with D.S.I. Tilton, Inspt. Riggs (D.T.O.) and D.S. Turner then entered the godown and scaled to the roofs, whereupon the strikers fled and scaled down a pole into the adjoining premises of the New China Textile Co., where seventeen were apprehended by a party of uniform Police and detectives under Inspt. Lo Ta Heng and D.S.I. T'ang Tsu Heng, who were previously posted there for this eventuality.

Meanwhile some 47 other strikers were gathered up from about the premises and were ejected by the Reserve Unit.

The strikers gathered again on Tenquin Road where they were dispersed by the Reserve Unit under Supt. Chamberlain and D.O. "B".

Upon the arrival of the Police Van conveying the 17 arrested persons at the station at about 4.30 p.m. some 400 strikers rushed towards the van apparently with the intent to release the occupants. These persons were again dispersed by a Reserve Unit party following the Police, when 3 ringleaders were arrested.

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*It is possible that a charge of malicious damage could be preferred. This charge is at the discretion of the Magistrate. In such circumstances, it would be advisable to press the charge.*


Dr. Y.L. Yao (Lawyer) representing the mill management came to the station at 5.30 p.m. when he suggested that the men who damaged the godown roof by tearing up the tiles be detained pending examination of the property.

The men have been detained accordingly, and for further interrogation by the special branch.

The names and particulars of the men are as follows:

*for Police information*

17 arrested in New China Textile Co. 60 Robinson Road.

-  SPECIAL BRANCH
- (1) Hoh yieu Kyng (郝義全), 42, Anhwei, M/coolie, 19 Pee Yih Li, Macao Road.
  - (2) Sze Foo yan (施富賢), 30, Fushih, M/Brass-smith, 4680 Tsoong Tuk Fong, Robinson Road.
  - (3) Lai Zou Zung (雷壽成), 43, Anhwei, M/coolie, Fou Foong Flour Mill quarters, 126 Hokanshan Road.
  - (4) Tsang Ching Ping (張慶平), 38, Anhwei, M/coolie, 6 Ying yih Li, Tenquin Road.
  - (5) Zung Yeong Chuen (鍾永川), 58, Anhwei, M/coolie, 7 Pee Yih Li, Tenquin Road.
  - (6) Lieu ping sung (劉平盛), 27, Anhwei, M/coolie, Fou Foong Mill quarters, 126 Hokanshan Road.
  - (7) Tung Zu Zung (董如仁), 31, Shantung, M/coolie, 81 Singapore Road.
  - (8) Yung Hae Foo (孫國富), 30, Anhwei, M/coolie, Fou Foong Mill quarters, 126 Hokanshan Road.
  - (9) Tung Kyi Yung (董紀文), 27, Shantung, M/coolie, boat in Yeechow Creek near West Yeechow Road.
  - (10) Hoh Fung Zang (郝奉堂), 39, Shantung, M/coolie, Chungshan Road, Chapei.
  - (11) Lee Hui Keong (李志公), 28, Anhwei, M/coolie, Chapei.
  - (12) Zung Yee Yuen (鍾義園), 46, Anhwei, M/coolie, Fou Foong Mill quarters, 126 Hokanshan Road.

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- (13) Yao Siau Hung (姚小洪), 45, Anhwei, M/Carpenter, 6 Ying Sih Li, Tonquin Road.
- (14) Wong Sing Tsao (王新初), 39, Anhwei, M/coolie, Boat in Soochow Creek, West Soochow Road.
- (15) Woo Sau Chien (胡少俊), 31, Anhwei, M/coolie, 73 Footoo Road.
- (16) Wong Kung Zai (王根才), 37, Shaoshing, M/coolie, Kiaochow Road, O.O.L.
- (17) Chiang Yuh Yien (姜裕賢), 44, Anhwei, M/coolie, Fou Foong Flour Mill Quarters, 126 Mokanshan Rd.

8 men arrested on Gordon Road near Footoo Road Police Station.

- (18) Tau Loong Shing (朱龍昇), 23, Hauchow, S/coolie, Boat in Soochow Creek, near West Soochow Road.
- (19) Yang Ah Si (楊阿四), 34, Tungchow, M/coolie, 11 Gordon Road.
- (20) Lieu Kya Lung (劉家成), 32, Anhwei, M/coolie, 24 Yz Hai Li, Yeh S Loong, off Ferry Road, O.O.L.
- (21) Sung Tsung Msi (孫正素), 26, Anhwei, M/coolie, Fou Foong Flour Mill Quarters, 126 Mokanshan Rd.
- (22) Tsah Shing Yuen (蔡興源), 31, Yangchow, M/coolie, Fou Foong Flour Mill Quarters, 126 Mokanshan Rd.
- (23) Wong Han Tang (王南堂), 34, Anhwei, M/coolie, Fou Foong Flour Mill Quarters, 126 Mokanshan Rd.
- (24) Sung Kwa Koo (沈華掛), 35, Anhwei, M/coolie, 23 Poo Yih Li, Macao Road.
- (25) Zee Yue Sung (徐有聖), 50, Anhwei, M/coolie, 10 Poo Yih Li, Tonquin Road.

A search of the mill quarters by D.S. Turner and party of detectives failed to disclose any pistols or other weapons as suspected and reported earlier by the management.

No representatives of the strikers were arrested. Enquiries disclosed that these men were about from the mill and were stated to be visiting the Industrial Section, S.M.C.

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Industrial  
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*A. G. Miller*  
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Workers of Fou Fong Flour Mill request adjustment of rice allowance.

D.S.I. Tilton.

Officer i/c.

Sir,

In accordance with the instructions of the D.O."B" to the Officer i/c. District, the 25 men in custody will be arraigned before the S. S. D. Court on a writ of Detention, Dec. 19, 1940.

They are being detained at present at Gordon and Pootoo Road stations.

Uniform Police and detectives are still posted at the mill premises where the situation is quiet.

Further enquiries are proceeding.

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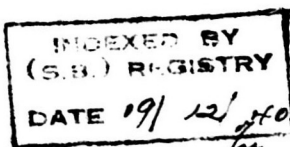
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## Labor Disputes Continue As Mill Workers Declare Strike

Labor disputes continued in the city yesterday, when 200 men of the Fou Fong Flour Mill went on a sit-down strike, while workers at the Journal de Shanghai, local French daily, and at the Otis Elevator Company still refused to return to their jobs.

Police riot vans early yesterday morning were rushed to the flour mill on Mokanshan Road shortly after the workers had struck. The strike was called when the management failed to act favorably on the workers' demand for rice.

Informed quarters pointed out that the Mokanshan Road factory, due to the critical wheat shortage here, had in late weeks been operating only four days a week and that the workers instead of receiving rice allowance from the management had been given a quantity of wheat by their employers.

### Rice Wanted

In view of the soaring prices of rice, the workers submitted demands with the management last week requesting that rice be substituted for wheat. The strike broke out when the demand was rejected.

Police quarters denied that there had been any sort of riot at the factory where the sit-down strike was in progress. The sending of the riot vans to the mill compound was merely a precautionary measure, it was stated.

Negotiations for a settlement of the strike were being conducted.

### Strike Still On

Members of the Chinese staff of the Journal de Shanghai, local French daily, were still striking yesterday. When the workers presented their demands to the management last Saturday they were told that while officials of the paper

were willing to discuss the terms, they could not reply to them immediately.

An official of the daily told THE CHINA PRESS that the situation remained the same yesterday, the workers, about 30 in number, having walked out on their jobs Saturday night. The management regarded the workers' attitude of demanding an immediate reply unacceptable.

### Demands Listed

Among the demands of the workers were that they be given half a picul of rice each month, 100 pounds of briquettes for the same period and increases of rice and salary allowances.

Meanwhile, officials of the S.M.P. Special Branch were yesterday acting as mediators in an attempt to settle the dispute between workers and employers of the Otis Elevator Company, Ltd.

Informed quarters stated that negotiations were proceeding satisfactorily and that a complete settlement of the dispute was expected in the immediate future.

### 150 Men Involved

Although only 50 members of the company's service men were involved when the strike first broke out last Friday, the number of workers who were reported to have walked out up to yesterday totaled about 150. Since the beginning of the strike only two cases of attempted sabotage were said to have been reported to the police, the buildings affected being the Embankment Building and the Hamilton House.

Other cases of attempted sabotage by the strikers, including a minor incident at Park Hotel when Otis service men walked away with important parts of the elevator machinery, required no police assistance.

## Foo Foong Flour Mill Workers on Strike

**Refuse to Accept Saigon  
Rice; 700 Affected**

The high cost of living, which has caused so far many labour troubles in Shanghai, was the reason for another dispute yesterday, when 700 employees of the Foo Foong Flour Mill in Mokanshan Road went on a sit-down strike at 8 a.m. following a disagreement between the workers and the management of the mill.

The trouble first started on December 12 when the management announced that it would change native rice, which was given to the workers, to Saigon rice. The employees, however, protested against this, claiming that the Saigon rice was much cheaper than the local. They demanded that they be given the difference in cash, which would amount to approximately \$12.

Basing their claims on the difference, the workers refused to accept any alterations and called the strike yesterday morning, later presenting more demands, which were called "ridiculous" by the officials of the mill.

The workers remained on the premises of the mill yesterday, some three hundred being inside the mill. No violence whatever has been reported by the Police.

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Workers of Foo Fong Flour Mill request adjustment of rice allowance.

D. J. I. Tilton.

officer i/c.

Sir,

At 2 p.m. Dec. 13, 1940, three representatives namely, Wang Sung Chong (王松冲), Sun Sz Hai (孙仕海) and Yue Sz Liang (岳仕良), attended the factory office and on the behalf of the workers interviewed Mr. Woo Chi San (伍志山), Vice-Director, Mr. Dien Tseng Poo (田正甫), Assistant Manager, and made request for the cash adjustment of \$12.00 to each worker in addition to the issue of 85 lbs. of Saigon rice. Their request was not granted by the management, who explained to the representatives that owing to the difficulties of purchasing 1st quality rice at present, not only all the workers but also the senior staff would be issued with Saigon rice. The representatives were advised to make inquiries at other mills concerning the conditions of the workers. The representatives then left the office quietly.

At 2:45 p.m. Dec. 13, C.D.C. 145 made a further visit to the Foo Fong Flour Mill, when he was informed by Mr. Dien Tseng Poo and Hsin Tsing Chow (许晴川) that the representatives had collected a number of wage books of the workers at the mill quarters and informed the management that these workers intended to resign.

At 6:30 a.m. Dec. 14, C.D.C. 145 kept observation at the factory and found that all the day shift workers reported for work as usual, and night shift workers went off quietly.

The management on instructions from the Head Office will agree to paying off each worker who presents his book personally and will probably close the mill.



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temporarily as the stock of wheat is very low.

At 9:45 a.m. Dec. 14, information was received from the mill that some 500 of the workers intended to visit the mill office to collect their wages and resign. While doing so they may attempt to close the mill gates in order to induce all workers in the mill to present their resignations before leaving the premises.

Officer i/c. informed.

D.O."B" & D.D.O."B" informed.

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Workers of Fou Poong Flour Mill request adjustment in rice allowance.

D.S.I. A.B. Tilton.

Insp. i/c.

Sir,

At 8 a.m. Dec. 16, 1940, the 1000 male workers of the mill gathered in the compound of the mill, when a sit down was declared.

At 9 a.m. five representatives of the workers namely (1) Zung Dao Loong (鍾道龍), (2) Huang Hwa Tsong (黃華宗), (3) Ming Nyoh Tsing (明玉清), (4) Woo Yung Yoong (吳永榮) and (5) Woo Tsen Len (伍添倫), interviewed Mr. Koo Ping Yuen, Industrial Section, S.M.C. and requested him to negotiate with the Mill Head Office concerning their six demands.

At 3.40 p.m. Mr. Koo attended the mill and informed some 800 workers gathered there that their demands were rejected by the management.

At 6.15 p.m. the management telephoned a report stating that Mr. Koo was detained by coolies outside the mill gates where some 200 workers were gathered.

A party of Police attended and found no trouble and Mr. Koo unharmed. The workers had only crowded around him and urged him to continue his efforts to negotiate for them.

The situation is unchanged with some 800 workers inside the mill compound where quarters are situated, and some 200 visiting and gathering outside the locked mill gates, where uniform police and detectives are posted.

At 7 a.m. Dec. 17, 1940, the situation remains unchanged.

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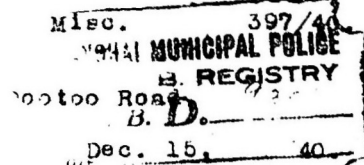
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## SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE

### REPORT ON STRIKE

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Division **3**  
Station **Pootoo Road** Dec. 16, 1940.  
Time and date reported **8 a.m. 16.12.40** Time and date S. B. informed **9 a.m. 16.12.40**  
Time and date strike commenced **8 a.m. 16.12.40**  
By whom reported **The Fou Fong Flour Mill Management.**  
Trade or profession of strikers **Flour Mill Workers.**  
Number of strikers **1000** Male **1000** Female **—** Apprentices **—**  
Employer's name, address and business **The Fou Fong Flour Mill, 126 Hokanshan Rd.,  
General Manager - Mr. Russell Sung.**  
Union to which strikers belong **Nil.**  
Cause of strike and demands made by strikers **Request adjustment of rice allowance.**  
  
  
When did discontent amongst strikers first commence **11 a.m. Dec. 12, 1940.**  
What action (if any) did employers take to remedy cause of discontent prior to commencement  
of strike **No action taken (See Reports Dec. 13 and 15th.) Misc. 397/40.**  
  
What action (if any) have the employers taken to meet the demands of the strikers  
**The management have declined to yield to the demands of the  
strikers.**  
Names and addresses of strike leaders **(1) Sung Dae Loeng (宋達倫), (2) Huang  
Hua Tsang (黃作章), and (3) Sung Fung Cheng (孫福成), all residing  
in mill quarters, 126 Hokanshan Road.**  
Has the strike or its cause any political inspiration **No**  
  
Meeting places of strikers **Fou Fong Flour Mill quarters, 126 Hokanshan Rd.**  
Number of persons arrested for offences arising out of strike **Nil.**  
Particulars of literature (if any) circulated relative to strike **Nil.**  
  
Name and address of printer of such circulars **Nil.**  
Precautions taken by Police **Uniform police and detectives posted outside the  
Mill.**  
Investigating Officer **A. G. Hill, D.S.I., & D.I. Yeong Pak Sung,  
S.D.C. 145.**  
Subsequent reports on the same strike should be submitted on the Report Forms for general use.



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Workers of Tai Poong Flour Mill request adjustment in rice allowance.

D.G.I. Tilton

Officer i/c.

Sir,

Three representatives of the above mill, namely, Tung Ono Loong (陳色施), Huang Hwa Tsang (黃華章) and Tung Tung Chong (楊春昌), interviewed Mr. Koo Ping Yuen (顧平遠) of the Industrial Section, S.I.D., at 1 p.m. Dec. 14, 1940, on the mill premises when they brought up the following six new demands:-

1. That wages be increased by \$10.00 per month.
2. That a house allowance of \$10.00 per month be granted to each worker.
3. That an annual gratuity of \$50.00 be granted to each worker.
4. That no apprentices be dismissed without justification.
5. That each worker be entitled to purchase from the mill half a cowl of the first quality local rice (Approx. 88 lbs.) per month at \$2.80.
6. That should the above five demands be refused by the Management, each worker be granted a sum equal to ten years' basic wages as compensation for his resignation.

Mr. Koo Ping Yuen immediately turned in the above demands to the Mill Management, whereupon the latter flatly refused to consider them. Mr. Koo then informed the workers' representatives that he would bring the matter to the notice of the Mill Head Office and he would resume negotiations with the representatives at 3 p.m. Monday, Dec. 16, 1940.

The mill workers continue to carry out their duties quietly and orderly.

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Copy to Miss. Hinder, Industrial Section.

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*A. G. Tilton*  
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Pootoo Road

December 13, 40.

Workers of Joo Young Flour Mill request adjustment of rice allowance.

S. I. Tilton.

Officer i c.

Sir,

At about 11 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 12, 1940, Mr. T. P. Dien (AK 101), Assistant Manager, Joo Young Flour Mill, 126 Mekong Road, came to the station and reported that the workers were agitating for an adjustment in rice allowance. The management had found it impossible to purchase first quality local rice and had informed the workers that they would be issued with Saigon rice. A number of the workers, however, were dissatisfied and had called the others to attend a meeting in order to discuss the matter further. Mr. Dien added that his object in reporting the matter was to avoid any confusion of possible Police intervention, as the management hoped to be able to quietly adjust the matter amicably with the workers. If the workers proved unruly, Pootoo Road Station would be informed and a request for assistance made.

The Senior Detective informed Mr. Dien that a report has already been received by C.D.C. 145 (Mill Duty) of the agitation which was noted for the usual police action if the workers decided to strike.

At about 5 p.m. Dec. 12, 1940, the D.O. "B" telephoned to the Officer i/c. as Mr. Russell Sung (AK 1089), a director of the mill, had informed the D.C. (Crime) of the matter, who had issued instructions for any workers agitating a strike to be arrested and handed over to the Special Branch. Apparently Mr. Sung was not aware of the earlier report to Pootoo Road Station by Mr. Dien.

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At 7 p.m. Dec. 12, 1940., a labour meeting was held at the workers' quarters of the mill, 126 Mokanshan Road, when about 350 workers attended. They first selected one named Sung pung Chong (楊本忠) as chairman and eleven others as representatives, namely,

(1) Yue Sze Liang	(于士良)	:
(2) Sung Ts Hai	(楊自海)	:
(3) Tsu Kya Huang	(朱凱鴻)	:
(4) Ting Nyoh Ling	(丁玉林)	:
(5) Woo Yung Lee	(伍文禮)	:
(6) Liu Shing Dao	(劉興道)	:
(7) Kao Ts ping	(高志平)	:
(8) Zung Tai Tsoong	(曾泰中)	:
(9) Kyi wei Doo	(紀金剛)	:
(10) Chuan Ling Doo	(阮金剛)	:
(11) Nyi Dah Loh	(倪大德)	:

The chairman announced to the workers that owing to the shortage of the 1st class rice coming from the interior, which every worker was entitled to purchase 65 lbs. monthly at \$2.80, the mill management will issue Saigon rice instead. He pointed out that the present first quality rice costs \$106.00, while the Saigon rice only \$76.00. Following some discussion, all the workers decided to make a written request to the management for a cash adjustment of \$12.00 to each worker in addition to the 65 lbs. of Saigon rice previously granted.

The workers dispersed quietly after the meeting and resumed work as usual Dec. 13, A.M.

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S.I. Special Branch Station, P. D. 9302

REPORT

Date December 13, 1940.

Subject... Fou Foong Flour Mill - Unrest among workers

Made by... D.S.I. Logan

Forwarded by... D.I. Crawford

Unrest exists among workers of the Fou Foong Flour Mill, 126 Lokanshan Road, over the cheap sale of rice. The employees have been each allowed to purchase 65-lbs of "Kan Mee" rice at the rate of \$2.85, and one bag of flour at the cheap rate of \$4.50, per month. In view of difficulties in obtaining "Kan Mee" rice in large quantities, the management is prepared to sell Saigon rice to the workers, but the latter are dissatisfied with this arrangement and have the intention of taking the advantage of the circumstances prevailing to demand better treatment.

At 6.30 p.m., December 12, some 300 workers held a meeting on the mill premises, when they decided to request the management to continue the supply of "Kan Mee", or failing that and Saigon rice is supplied instead, that they be granted a sum equal to the difference in the prices between "Kan Mee" and Saigon Rice. It was further resolved to submit a written appeal in this connection to the management but no demands have yet been received by the latter.

According to the management, some 500 picule of Saigon rice of best quality were recently purchased and efforts are being continued to obtain a supply of "Kan Mee". The Saigon rice will

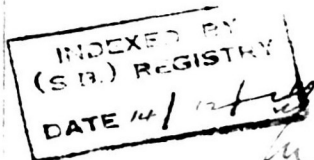
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be distributed if and when the necessary supply of "Kan Mee" rice is not available. The management is of the opinion that the unrest is being caused at the instigation of a certain number of agitators and the situation is being watched closely for any developments. The mill is at present operating only three days a week and it may have to be closed at the end of this year due to shortage of wheat.

The Fou Fong Mill employs a total complement of some 1,000 workers.

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*W. H. Hagan*

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Please see below.

On 23-10-40 it was learned from the Contractor of Labour at the Poh Sing Flour Mill, that this dispute between his workers and himself, had been amicably settled.

The coolies employed prior to the dispute had resigned on the payment of \$50.00 for head, as a retiring gratuity, and that the new coolies were working at the mill at the former rate of payment.

The protective police party was withdrawn on p.m. 23-10-40, on the instructions of the officer i/c station.

No further trouble is expected.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

Section 1, Special Branch.

REPORT

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE  
REGISTRY  
9302  
Date: October 23, 1940.

Subject: Foh Sing No.7 Flour Mill - unrest among coolies.

Made by: D.S.I. Loh Wei Kong. Forwarded by: D. I. Crawford.

The dispute in the Foh Sing No.7 Flour Mill, Lane 1095, 101 Chengtu Road, over the dismissal of transportation coolies for agitation which commenced on October 17, was settled on October 22 as a result of mediation by members of Special Branch.

On October 21, five coolies called at Special Branch and requested mediation when they put forward the demand that all coolies, numbering 89, be reinstated, or they be given a retiring gratuity in the sum of \$140.00 each. They were informed to appoint accredited representatives who were in a position to express the views of all the coolies.

On October 22, the following delegates of coolies attended Special Branch :

- (1) Tang Tsung Sung - residing at Hung Yah Kee  
(湯春生) Barber Shop, West Sze Wen Li, Tatung Road.
- (2) Liu Zang Kwei - residing at 335 East Sze Wen  
(劉長貴) Li, Tatung Road.
- (3) Wong Dzu Chia - residing at 33 West Sze Wen  
(黃樹早) Li, Tatung Road.
- (4) Zee Zao Ching - residing at 562 East Sze Wen  
(徐兆慶) Li, Tatung Road.

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- (5) Wong Yue Kwang - residing in a boat on Soochow  
(王有廣) Creek near Tatung Road.
- (6) Dao Wen Zung - residing at 589 East Sze Wen  
(陶文成) Li, Tatung Road.
- (7) Kao Hung - residing at 543 East Sze  
(高洪) Wen Li, Tatung Road.
- (8) Koo Wen Sung - residing in a hut at Shih  
(顧友生) Hwei Yao, off Ferry Road.
- (9) Tsang Sze Yuan - residing at 4 West Sze Wen  
(張士元) Li, Tatung Road.
- (10) Ma Hwa San - residing at 315 East Sze  
(馬華生) Wen Li, Tatung Road.

They stated that they insisted on reinstatement or the issue of a retiring gratuity in the sum of at least \$80.00 each.

The foreman contractor represented by Chu Tsai Sung (朱產生) and Ting Zau Sien (丁瑞選), however, only agreed to offer a sum of \$30.00 to each coolie as a retiring gratuity but was not prepared to reinstate any of the agitating coolies. After lengthy discussion and persuasion, the following agreement was reached.

- (1) That the services of the transportation coolies, totalling 89, be dispensed with on October 17, 1940.

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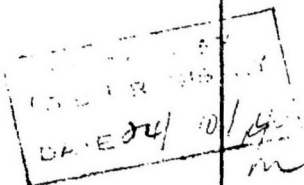
- (2) That the dismissed coolies be each granted a gratuity of \$40.00 in addition to an allowance of \$10.00.
- (3) That the coolies refrain from demanding further payment after dismissal.
- (4) That the gratuity and allowance be issued on October 23, 1940 in the Foh Sing No.7 Flour Mill.
- (5) That these terms be valid with effect from October 17, 1940.

This agreement was signed by the ten representatives of coolies and the two representatives of the foreman contractor.

These coolies are to be paid off in the Foh Sing No.7 Mill at 10 a.m. to-day, October 23 in accordance with the agreement reached.

*Doh Sing*  
D. S. I.

D.C. (Crime & Special Branches)



*S.C. Police Bureau*

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At 2 p.m. 17/10/40, a telephone message was received from the Management of the Foh Sing No.7 Flour Mill, 1073 Chengtu Road, to the effect that some 30 new coolies had arrived at the mill to work, temporarily in place of those on strike. Police protection was requested in order to prevent any disturbances arising or interference with the work, which might be caused by certain of the old coolies who were occupying the mill compound.

A police party attended and on their persuasion, the old coolies, about 50 in number, left the premises in an orderly manner.

The new coolies worked between 2 p.m. and 4.30 p.m. 17/10/40 without any untoward incident occurring.

Arrangements for police protection between 7 a.m. and 3 p.m. daily have been made between the Mill management and the Officer i/c Station, during this period the new coolies will work pending a settlement of the dispute.

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*E. H. Pinner*  
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*at the Police Branch*

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Foh Sing No. 7 Flour Mill - Labour Dispute

At 9.25 a.m. 17/10/40, a telephone message was received from the management of the Foh Sing Flour Mill, 1073, Chengtu Road, to the effect that certain workers had arrived at the mill but refused to work.

Enquiries by the undersigned and D.S.I. Liao Chung Chien ascertained that there was a dispute between the labour contractor, one named Yung Ming Dah (榮明達), and certain coolies, 89 in number, who were employed by him on behalf of the mill to load and unload flour and grain.

The coolies had demanded a raise of about 10 cents per diem in the rice allowance at present paid on a sliding scale which allows them approximately 80 cents per diem.

In view of the fact that the contractor had been in the habit of drawing rice allowance for numbers in excess of those actually working, the management refused to comply with the coolies' demands, stating that the dispute was between the contractor and the workers.

It was learned that the contractor was making arrangements to employ new coolies in place of those at present refusing to work.

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The management was warned against allowing these new coolies to approach the mill prior to informing this station.

Of the 89 coolies refusing to work, some 20 are at present inside the mill compound, whilst the others remain on Seochow Road outside the mill.

C.P.Cs. have been posted at the mill to inform the station in case of any trouble.

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S.1, Special

REPORT

Date October 17, 1940.

Subject Foh Sing No.7 Flour Mill - agitation of coolies

Made by D.S.I. Loh Wei Kong Forwarded by D.I. Crawford

The transportation coolies of the Foh Sing No.7 Flour Mill, Lane 1095, No.101 Chengtu Road, who declared a strike on October 12 but resumed on October 13, again went on "tai-kung" strike this morning, October 17. These coolies, numbering 89, are working under foreman contractor YUNG PING KENG (荣平根), who is assisted by sub-foreman TING YOONG DAH (丁荣达), and they demand the payment of rice allowance irrespective of whether they attend the mill or not. The foreman contractor, however, insist that only those actually reporting for work will be issued a rice allowance. This decision was approved by the mill management and a notice to this effect was issued on October 16.

Information shows that these coolies are causing agitation through the instigation of one TANG KAO SAN (唐靠山), who claims to be connected with a so-called "Soochow Creek Office of the Shanghai Municipality Wharf Coolies' Federation," sponsored by the Shanghai General Labour Union, Lane 95, 10 Edinburgh Road, O.O.L. He discussed the matter with two representatives of the coolies named TSANG ZAO KYING (张兆金) and DAO TSIR ZUNG (陶占成), and informed the coolies that they should resort to force if new

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coolies are employed by the foreman contractor when the present dispute reaches a deadlock. He suggested also that he would render financial relief to those coolies who injured or arrested by the Police.

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*Loh Wei King*  
D. S. I.

D.C. (Special Branch).

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23rd August, 40.

Labour Trouble at the Feh Sing (Feh Sing) Flour Mill

At 7.05 p.m. 23/8/40, a telephone message was received at the station from the Feh Sing (Feh Sing) Flour Mill at House 101, Lane 1005, Chengtu Road, reporting that a fight was in progress outside the said premises.

S.I. Chen Chin Tsang and party attended and brought to the station,

1. Sung Feh Young (Feh Young), 40, Wusih, Assistant Foreman, residing at 33 North Fokien Road,
2. Lee Siau Wan Ts (Lee Siau Wan Ts), 30, Kempe, Coolie, residing at 568/533 Sinsu Road,

both of whom were employed by the above Mill and found to have been involved in the fight.

Enquiries by C.D.S. 96 and the undersigned ascertained that following a decision reached by the Management of the Mill that a part of 162 regular coolies were to be discharged owing to depression of business, it was announced on 23/8/40 that those who wishing to leave their employment would each be paid a sum of \$50.00 as reimbursement upon the return of identification badges previously issued to them, to the Mill.

From 3.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. even date, 19 regular coolies appeared and obtained the payment of \$50.00 each. The 2nd named person who has recently succeeded his deceased father as a regular coolie, also requested the payment of this amount, but his request was refused by

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the 1st named, an assistant foreman, who told him to call at the Mill again the following day (24/8/40) until he had consulted the matter with the former foreman of the Mill named Yue Kyung Ts (*Yue Kyung Ts*), in respect of the treatment to the successor to the deceased coolie.

This coolie was evidently out of patience to wait, and a quarrel ensued. He was released after enquiries and cautioned against creating a disturbance.

Copy to Special Branch.

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Sen. Det. i/c.

*HW 24/8*

*Little King*  
D. S. I.

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REPORT

S. 1, Special

Date August 2, 1940.

Subject Foh Sing No. 7 Flour Mill - unrest among coolies.

Made by D.S.I. Loh Wei Kong Forwarded by D. I. Crawford

On July 30, three delegates of the transportation coolies and a representative of the Foreman of the Foh Sing No. 7 Flour Mill, Lane 1095, 101 Chengtu Road, called at Special Branch and requested mediation in connection with the controversy existing between them over the proposed changing of badges. They are as follows :-

Foreman representative

Ting Yoong Dah (丁榮達), sub-foreman representing Foreman Yoong Ping Keng.

Coolies' representatives

Tang Tseng Dzu (湯春滋), No. 1 coolie;

Tsang Zao Shing (張兆金),

Zee Zao Ching (徐兆金).

After lengthy discussion and persuasion, the following agreement was reached :

- (1) That the working badges for the transportation coolies of the Foh Sing No. 7 Flour Mill shall bear the additional characters "Yoong Kee" (Yoong's Combine) (榮記), but the same shall not bear such characters as "not transferable". The foreman, however, shall be notified beforehand in case any coolies intend to transfer their badges.
- (2) That the "workers' badges" and the "Foh Sing No. 7 Mill badges" (samples attached) which did not bear the characters "Yoong Kee" and which were previously issued be abolished.
- (3) That the coolies be granted a rice allowance in accordance with the system adopted by the transportation coolies' foreman of the Foh

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Sing Nos. 2, 4 and 8 Flour Mills, and that the rice allowance due to the coolies between July 27 and 30 be issued forthwith without applying the new system.

(In the Foh Sing Nos.2, 4 and 8 Mills, rice allowance is issued on the first and 16th day every month, but only those transportation coolies who actually attend the mills at least three days out of every fifteen days are entitled to half month's rice allowance, irrespective of whether they work or not).

- (4) That no coolies be discharged without cause.
- (5) That, with the exception of those on sick leave or whose absence is approved by the foreman, any coolies failing to report for duty three times when ordered to be present by the No.1 Coolie, shall be considered to have resigned of their own accord.
- (6) That the agreement be effective from the date of signing by both parties concerned.

On July 31, information was obtained from Ting Yoong Dah, sub-foreman, that the mill management only recognizes the employment of eighty-nine coolies, and thereby only a similar number of badges would be issued. However, there are some 122 coolies concerned. He expects that further dispute will arise in consequence of the decision of the management, but believes that he will be able to settle the matter direct with the coolies.

Rel. Wai Hong  
D. S. I.

D. C. (Special Branch).

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S.1, Special Branch, ~~XXXXX~~

REPORT

Date July 29, 1940.

Subject..... Foh Sing No.7 Flour Mill - unrest among coolies

Made by..... D.S.I. Loh Wei Kong Forwarded by..... D.I. Crawford

In connection with the unrest existing among the coolies of the Foh Sing No.7 Flour Mill, Lane 1095, 101 Chengtu Road, over the proposed changing of badges, further enquiries ascertain that it was the original intention of the management to dispense with the services of the coolies because of the difficulty in bringing them under control. A number of them are alleged to be agitators in the last dispute in which a faction fight took place on March 28, 1940 between the old and new coolies (Vide Sinza Crime No.1144/40). YOONG PING KENG, the foreman, however was of the opinion that their dismissal would bring about further trouble and an understanding was subsequently reached between the management and YOONG PING KENG, whereby he would dismiss ten of the coolies who are believed to be ringleaders and would be responsible for the behaviour of the remainder. Consequently, ten coolies were instructed to exchange their badges issued by the mill for new ones bearing the foreman's name. Owing to objection from the coolies, YOONG PING KENG later suggested that the badges would retain the name Foh Sing Flour Mill but with the addition of the characters "Yoong Kee" (Yoong's Combine) (華記), but the coolies still refuse to comply for fear of being dismissed by the management without retiring gratuities. Negotiations are in progress between

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the coolies and the foreman.

The Foh Sing No.7 Mill remains closed and the issue of a food allowance of \$0.60 each per day to those coolies who actually report at the mill for duty is being continued. The coolies are demanding that the allowance be issued to all coolies irrespective of whether they attend the mill or not, because of a number of them are now working at other places and are unable to report at the mill.

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D. S. I.

D.C. (Special Branch).

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REPORT

Date. July 26, 1940.

Subject. Foh Sing No.7 Flour Mill - Unrest among coolies.

Made by D.S.I. Loh Wei Kong.

Forwarded by D. I. Crawford.

Some 100 coolies in the employ of the Foh Sing No.7 Flour Mill, Lane 1095, 101 Chengtu Road, who were rendered idle following the suspension of operations in the mill on or about June 20, 1940 owing to lack of material, are, according to arrangements reached, to be paid \$0.60 each per day as a food allowance by the management through the medium of Yoong Ping Keng (葉平敬), the foreman. However, the money was only paid to those coolies who reported at the mill.

On July 25, 1940, ten of the coolies were dismissed and were each given a retiring gratuity of \$140.00 each. At the same time, Yoong told the other coolies to exchange their badges issued by the Foh Sing Mill for badges bearing his own name. The coolies are unwilling to change their badges owing to the fact that should they be dismissed in future, they would not be entitled to retiring gratuities from the management. The majority of the coolies are now demanding that they be paid off on lines similar to the ten discharged coolies aforesaid.

*Loh Wei Kong*  
D. S. I.

D. C. ( Special Branch ).

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This case was brought before the S.S.D. Court on the 26/4/40, and it was remanded to 10/5/40. On the latter date, the following decision was handed down:-

- "2nd accused - Proceedings for trial to be stayed.
- 4th accused - To be brought to Court for trial upon recovery from injury.
- 1st, 3rd, 5th and 7th accused - Each 6 months imprisonment, suspended for 2 years for being concerned in publicly assembling people in using violence.
- 8 bamboo poles, 3 spears and 1 small packet of lime powder confiscated."

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Please see below.

On 17/4/40 the 4th. accused lawyers, Messrs  
Soong Yuer Dau and Dzien Treng, made application to  
the S.S.D. Court to be allowed to remove the 4th.  
accused from the Police Hospital, and the following  
decision was handed down:-

"To be handed over to his lawyers who are  
held responsible. Whether or not the 4th.  
accused should be medically treated in the  
hospital to be decided by the Police Hospital."

On 19/4/40 the 4th. accused was removed to the  
Lester Chinese Hospital, where he is now detained.

This case was again heard in the S.S.D. Court  
on 19/4/40, when the following decision was handed down:-

"4th. accused: Pleading to be stayed. to  
be brought to Court for trial  
upon recovery from injuries.

Remainder: Remand to 26/4/40 for trial."

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Please see below.

An inquest regarding the death of the 6th. accused, Wong Yah Zai, was held in the Public Mortuary on 3/4/40, when the following verdict was handed down by Procurator Seong Kong San:-

"Death due to gunshot wounds. Body to be removed by deceased's wife, Wong Yang Sz, for burial."

*C. D. Lin*  
*2/4/40*  
*5/1/40*  
On the morning of 5/4/40 the 5th. accused, Kae Wen, was discharged from the Police Hospital, and on the same date he appeared together with the 1st. 2nd. 3rd. and 7th. accused before the S.B.D. Court. At the conclusion of the hearing, all were released on the guarantee of their lawyers, the case being remanded till 12/4/40 for hearing.

After his release, the 5th. accused proceeded to the San Ming (E. B.) Hospital, 70 North Homan Road, where he had a .38 calibre bullet extracted from his right thigh. This bullet was forwarded to the Arms Identification Section.

The 4th. accused, Kiang Yee Wang, is still detained in the Police Hospital.

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S.D.O. "B" Section.

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*W.C. (Keele Branch)*

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Please see below.

The 1st, 2nd, 3rd & 7th accused appeared before the S.S.D. Court on 30-3-40, when the case was remanded till 5-4-40.

At 3.15p.m. on 2-4-40, the 6th accused, Wong Yah Zai (黃學才), died in the Police Hospital. The following certificate was issued:-

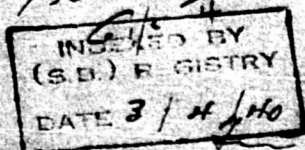
"This is to certify that Prisoner Wong Yah Zai died at the Police Hospital at 3.15p.m. 2-4-40. The cause of death is Bullet Wound of abdomen with perforations of intestine".

The body of the deceased has been removed to the Public Mortuary pending an inquest being held on 3-4-40. One .38 calibre bullet was extracted from the body of deceased, and same will be forwarded to the Arms Identification Section for disposal.

The 4th & 5th accused are still detained in the Police Hospital.

The injured pedestrian, Kau Ching Foh (高錫夫) was discharged from the Paulun Hospital on 1-4-40.

F.S. Woshikoff resumed duty on 2-4-40.



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D.S.I.

Kau Ching Foh, age 22.

Tsungkiang.

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Sinza St'n

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Clerk Tsao Hsu Fan.

My name is Kau Ching Foh, and I am employed as a barber, residing at No. P.11 S Vung Li, Tatung Road.

About 10a.m. 28-3-40, while I was walking along Soochow Road about 70 yards West of Tatung Road, I observed a large crowd of male Chinese attack two removal vans with bamboo poles and other weapons. One foreign and two Chinese policemen arrived on the scene and attempted to quell the trouble, but without success, and they then fired several shots with their pistols. I attempted to run away from the scene, but was struck on the left thigh by a bullet. I succeeded in reaching my home, where I was later found by Police, and taken to the Paulun Hospital. After receiving treatment, I was discharged on 1-4-40.

This is my true statement.

Signed: Kau Ching Foh.



*S.C. (Special Branch)*  
**SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.**

**CRIME DIARY.**

Crime Register No. **1144/40.**

**"B"**

Division.

**Sinza** Police Station.

**March 28th., 19 40.**

Diary Number 1.

(Sheet No. 1.)

Nature of Offence:— **21.**

Time at which  
investigation begun  
and concluded each day

Places visited in  
course of  
investigation  
each day.

**RECORD OF INVESTIGATION.**

Place or description of  
premises.

**West Szechow Road near Tatung Road.**

Time and date of offence.

**About 10am. on 28/3/40.**

" " " reported.

**10-05am. on 28/3/40.**

Name, occupation and ad-  
dress of complainant.

**S.M.P.**

Number of criminals with  
full individual description.

**About 150 male Chinese.**

**Seven arrested. Please see diary.**

Arrests.

**Seven by Police Party.**

Classification of property  
stolen.

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Value \$

Classification of property  
recovered.

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Value \$

In cases of Murder or  
Suspected Murder points  
(a) to (d) should be  
answered.

- (a) Time and date body was discovered.
- (b) Position, appearance and marks on body.
- (c) Apparent cause of death.
- (d) Motive if known.

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Full Details of Method used  
in Committing offence.

In cases of larceny, housebreaking etc., all the points (e) to (i) should be answered, if known. In all cases in which there is fraud, the false pretence and the character assumed by the suspect should be fully described.

- (e) Mode of entry, including manner of approach to premises.
- (f) Means used (tools etc.)
- (g) Character assumed by criminal, story told, etc.
- (h) Mode of transport and description.
- (i) Peculiar act (poisoning dog, partaking of food etc.)

**(a) About 150 ex-employees of a Mill attacked 55 newly engaged employees.**

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- (j) What staff employed on premises?  
(k) Are they all "old" servants?  
(l) If not, what was their last employment and for how long?  
(m) What was their "characters"?  
(n) If any suspicion attached to any of them and if so, which one and for what reason?  
(o) Are old servants suspected?  
(p) Are friends and visitors above suspicion if not, who is suspected?

Remarks

(Any outstanding or peculiar feature to be commented on by investigating officer).

At 10-05am. on 28/3/40 a telephone message was received at Sinza Station from an office employee of the Foh Sing No.7 Flour Mill, No.101, Lane 1095 Chengtu Road, to the effect that fighting was in progress on West Soochow Road near Tatung Road between ex-employees and newly engaged employees of the above Mill.

All available men under the Inspector in Charge at once attended, followed a few minutes later by the Reserve Unit under Supt. Chamberlain.

It was later learned that the clerk on duty at C.C.R. had turned out the Reserve Unit, he having received information of a Riot and Police Officers injured, from a foreign member of the Public Works Department, Shunteh Road Depot, the rear gate to which opens on to West Soochow Road.

On the arrival of the above parties, it was observed that two Removal Vans were in the middle of the road, about 120 yards West of Tatung Road. A number of male Chinese of the coolie type were seen to be suffering from various injuries and four Ambulances were called to the scene, the injured being removed to the Police Hospital and the Paulun Hospital.

The situation was under control by F.S.281 Woschikoff, C.P.S. 230 and C.P.C.s 2609, 2418, 486 and 2515.

The two Removal Vans were seen to be badly damaged, there being numerous holes in the metal sides, the radiators and headlamps, mudguards and

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## CRIME DIARY.

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Diary Number:— 1/sheet 3.

Nature of Offence:—

Time at which  
investigation begun  
and concluded each day

Places  
visited in  
course of  
investigation  
each day

### RECORD OF INVESTIGATION.

windcreens being twisted and broken. About one pound of lime powder was collected from inside the two vans and the roadway near, and the following implements were found on the roadway:-

Eight bamboo poles.

Three bamboo-metal spears as used in Chinese Theatre performances.

One "Fighting Iron" as used by loafers, being two lengths of heavy wood fastened together with a heavy chain.

Numerous earthenware pots which had been left on West Soochow Road after unloading from boats on the creek had also been broken and fragments were found in the vans and on the roadway near them.

The following persons were arrested at the scene by P.S. Moschikoff and party, with the aid of foreign employees of the P.W.D., Shuntch Road Depot:

- (1) Lieu Tuh Piau (刘得桥), 40, Sanyang, ex-employee of the Mill.
- (2) Hung Yue Dau (洪有道), 35, Yangchow, ex-employee of the Mill.
- (3) Li Kuo Hwang (李高望), 47, Kompo, ex-employee of the Mill.

The following were removed to the Police Hospital by Ambulance, where they are detained:-

- (4) Liang Yue Wong (梁有望), 29, Taichow, ex-employee of the Mill.  
"Bullet wound left thigh and fracture of femur".

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## CRIME DIARY.

CRIME REGISTER No:— 1144/40.

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Nature of Offence:—

Time at which  
investigation begun  
and concluded each day

Places  
visited in  
course of  
investigation  
each day

### RECORD OF INVESTIGATION.

(5) Kao Wen (高 文), 38, Kompo,  
ex-employee of the Mill.  
"Bullet wound of right thigh".

(6) Wang Yah Zai (王 子才), 36, Kompo,  
ex-employee of the Mill.  
"Bullet wound of the abdomen".

The following person was arrested when he attended  
the Paulun Hospital for treatment at 11-15am:—

(7) Lieu Vung Kyi (刘 文基), 22, Kompo,  
ex-employee of the Mill.  
"Laceration of the forehead.

A Male Chinese named Kau Ching Foh (高 奇夫),  
22, Tsungkiang, m/barber, residing No. Pll S Vung Li,  
off Tatung Road, was removed to the Paulun Hospital  
by Ambulance, where he is detained:— Doctor's chit  
reads: "Bullet wound of left thigh".

This man was not associated with the parties  
involved and states that he was merely passing the  
scene and ran away when he heard the shooting, being  
apparently hit by a stray bullet.

The following newly engaged employees of the Mill  
were taken by Ambulance to the Paulun Hospital, only  
the last named being detained:—

- (1) Peu Wen Nyung (潘 文林). "Laceration of scalp".
- (2) Seu S Yuen (苏 肉元). "Laceration, scalp, forehead".
- (3) Yang Choong Sung (杨 崇生). "Laceration of scalp".
- (4) Lee Pau Yok (李 宝五). "Laceration of eyelid".
- (5) Yang Tah (杨 大). "Laceration of scalp".

# SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

## CRIME DIARY.

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### RECORD OF INVESTIGATION.

- (6) Wei Young Hwei (何永会). "Congestion of right eye, stated caused by a spear".
- (7) S Ah Ping (施阿平). "Laceration of nose".
- (8) Tsang Ah Liang (张阿良). "Laceration of forehead".
- (9) Soo Sung Liang (沙月敬). "Laceration forehead".
- (10) Tsang Tsung Ching (张根清). "Laceration buttock".
- (11) Lieu Pau Dien (刘玉田). "Laceration of scalp".
- (12) Kwok Yuen Ts (郭元子). "Laceration of scalp and loss of blood. Serious".

As the result of enquiries by D.S.I. Ting Hwa Koh, C.D.C. 135 and the undersigned, the following details were obtained:—

On 27/3/40 the following Intelligence Report was received by the Inspector in Charge from the Special Branch:

"Foh Sing No.7 Flour Mill - agitation among ex-Transportation coolies for reinstatement.

On the morning of March 27th., 1940 Yu Ching Ts ( ), the foreman of the eighty transportation coolies of the Foh Sing No.7 Flour Mill, Lane 1095, No.101 Chengtu Road (Sinza District), resigned of his own accord with the result that the services of the coolies who were working on a contract system under him were dispensed with by the Mill.

On the same day the Mill assigned the transportation work to a foreman named Sih Yeu Kwei ( ) who has engaged forty new coolies under him.

The discharged coolies are demanding reinstatement from the management, who, however, maintain that they were not employed direct by the Mill and their demand therefore could not be entertained. These coolies are in possession of badges issued by the Mill but the management, to avoid trouble from them, have issued fresh badges to the forty new coolies."

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### RECORD OF INVESTIGATION.

There being a possibility of incidents between the two parties, C.P.C.s were posted at the Foh Sing Mill as a precautionary measure.

At 7am. on 28/3/40 C.P.S. 230 and C.P.C.s 2609, 2418, 486 and 2515 were posted on duty there and they were visited regularly by S.I. Hale and by F.S. 281 Voschikoff.

The newly engaged foreman states that his coolies, numbering 55, worked at the Mill without incident, on 27/3/40, but that as a precautionary measure he took them to the Mill on that date by Removal Vans.

At about 9am. on 28/3/40 he gathered his coolies on Gordon Road near Markham Road and telephoned to the Shang Tien(上天) Household Removing Company, No. 294 Burkill Road, for two Vans.

This company sent <sup>w</sup>~~x~~ Vans, as follows:

Van Licence No. 17197, driven by a chauffeur named Koo Yoong Ching(顧永清).

Van Licence No. 16878, driven by a chauffeur named S Ching Zien(施清泉).

The 55 coolies boarded these vans and the drivers were instructed to drive them to the Flour Mill. The foreman preceded them in a taxi.

At about 10am. the two vans were being driven slowly in an Easterly direction on West Soochow Road

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### RECORD OF INVESTIGATION.

about 120 Yards West of Tatung Road, at the rear entrance to the P.W.D. Shunteh Road Depot, when a crowd of male Chinese, estimated to number 150, emerged from Tatung Road and adjoining alleyways. These men were carrying bamboo poles, spears and fighting irons, and they forced the Vans to stop by standing in front of them.

They then commenced to smash the Vans and assault the 55 occupants, using their weapons and earthenware pots placed near the creek, also throwing lime inside the Vans.

At this time F.S.281 Woschikoff was visiting the C.P.S. and four C.P.C.s on duty at the Mill, about 200 yards away, and this party at once proceeded to the scene and attempted to quell the attackers. F.S. Woschikoff was then struck on the head with a heavy object, believed to have been an earthenware jar, and this caused a severe injury to his forehead which later necessitated five stitches at the Police Hospital.

Mr. Egon Wolf, Engineer employed at the P.W.D. Depot, witnessed this and arrested the 1st accused as he was attempting to strike F.S.Woschikoff with a bamboo pole as he was staggering about semi-conscious, and took him into the Depot, where he was detained.

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### RECORD OF INVESTIGATION.

F.S. Moschikoff states that he then drew his pistol and fired two rounds in the air to deter the mob and that this caused a respite for a few minutes. The mob again attacked however and he fired three more rounds into the air, without effect, then after reloading his pistol he fired five more rounds, this causing the mob to retreat. Meanwhile the C.P.C.s had also drawn their pistols and fired into the air.

Statements by these officers and Mr. Wolf are attached.

The C.P.C.s were not injured apart from a few superficial bruises, and the described men were arrested by them and detained until the arrival of the Party from the Station.

It is learned that although only 80 badges were issued to the ex-employees, 161 coolies actually lost their jobs when the foreman resigned.

The arrested men were questioned by detectives and admit their parts in the affray, stating that their only object was to prevent the new coolies from taking away their employment. They deny that there was any instigation by any person.

Shots were fired by the Police, as follows:—

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### RECORD OF INVESTIGATION.

<u>Officer.</u>	<u>Pistol No.</u>	<u>Shots.</u>
F.S. Woschikoff.	313.	10.
C.P.C. 2602.	791.	4.
2418.	886.	4.
486.	793.	5.
2515.	870.	2.
		<u>Total: 25.</u>

Three empty .45 cases and ten .38 cases were found at the scene.

The Vans were removed from the scene by the owner of the Transportation Company, who estimates the damage at \$1800.00.

F.S. Woschikoff later attended a Municipal Doctor and was given three days in quarters.

D.I. Crawford, Special Branch, informed.

D.O. and D.D.O. "B" informed and attended.

D.C. Crime and D.C. Divisions informed.

The seven accused are charged under Art. 150 of the C.C.C. and, apart from the three accused detained in Hospital, will appear at Court on 30/3/40.

Circulated.

Ser. Det.

D.D.O. "B"

*Dr. Watson*  
D.S.I.

*29/3*

G.P.C. 2418,

Singa

28/3/40,

translated  
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Clerk Kao Chien.

At 7 a.m. on 28/3/40, I was instructed to be on duty at the Feh Sing Flour Mill, Seochow Road, together with F.S. 281, G.P.C.s 486, 2515, 2609.

At about 10 a.m. we saw 2 trucks of the Zeng Tien Household Removal Co. proceeding from West to East, when several hundreds of workmen rushed out from alleyway(s) and houses, and attacked the workers in the trucks with spears, iron bars, bamboo poles, and parcels of lime. On seeing the critical condition, we went up to stop the mob, however they disregarded our warning and further assaulted F.S. 281, causing him to sustain injuries. F.S. 281 then fired shots into the air in order to scare them, nevertheless they ignored it and continued on attacking us. We were then compelled to open fire into the air as well, whereupon they dispersed.

(Sd) G.P.C. Ying Sen Zang.

C.P.C. 2609,

Sinza Stn.,

28/3/40,

translated  
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Clerk Kao Chien.

At 7 a.m. 28/3/40 I was instructed to be on duty at the Feh Sing Flour Mill, Secohow Road, together with F.S. 281 and C.P.C.s 486, 2418, 2515.

At about 10 a.m. we saw 2 trucks of the Zong Tien Household Removal Co., proceeding from West to East, when several hundreds of workmen rushed out from alleyway(s) and houses, and attacked the workers in the trucks with spears, iron bars, bamboo poles, and parcels of lime. On seeing the critical condition, we went up to stop them, however they disregarded our warning and further assaulted F.S. 281, causing him to sustain injuries. F.S. 281 then fired his pistol into the air, in order to scare them, nevertheless they ignored it and continued on assaulting us. We were then forced to open fire into the air as well, and the mob then dispersed.

(Sd) C.P.C. 2609 Li Kwang Tuh.

C.P.C. 486,

Sinza

28/3/40,

translated

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Clerk Kao Chien.

At 8 a.m. 28/3/40 I was instructed to be on duty at the front gate of the Feh Sing Flour Mill, West Soochow Road.

At about 10 a.m. I saw 2 trucks of the Zeng Tien Household Removal Co. proceeding from West to East along Soochow Road, when several hundred <sup>men</sup> of workmen rushed out from Tatung Road, stopped the trucks, and attacked workers in the trucks with spears, iron bars, bamboo poles, and parcels of lime. On seeing the critical condition, I and F.S. 281 and other C.P.C.s went up to stop the mob in attacking the trucks, however they disregarded our warning and assaulted F.S. 281, causing him to sustain injuries and fall on the ground. At this very juncture, F.S. 281 fired his pistol in self-defence and we also fired ours in dispersing the mob, whereupon they scattered.

This is a true statement.

(24) C.P.C. 486.

C.P.C. 2515,

Sinza

28/3/40,

translated  
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Clerk Kao Chien.

At 7 a.m. 28/3/40, I was instructed to be on duty at the Feh Sing Flour Mill, Sochow Road, together with F.S. 281 and C.P.C.s 484, 2609 & 2418.

At about 10 a.m. we saw 2 trucks of the Zong Tien Household Removal Co., proceeding from West to East, when several hundreds of workmen rushed out from alleyway(s) and houses, and attacked the workers in the trucks with spears, iron bars, bamboo poles and parcels of lime. On seeing the critical condition, we went up to stop the mob, however they disregarded our warning and further assaulted F.S. 281, causing him to sustain injuries and bleeding. F.S. 281 then opened fire into the air in order to scare them, but they ignored it and continued on attacking us. We then were compelled to open fire into the air as well, whereupon the mob scattered.

(Sd) C.P.C. 2515 Bong Ling Ts,

Singa

March 28th, 40.

ttacked by a mob,

P.S. 281 Weschikoff,

Sir,

I beg to report that while on duty at Foh Hsing Flour Mill at West Soochow Road together with one C.P.S. and 4 C.P.C.s as the labour trouble was expected there at about 10 a.m. 28/3/40 two motor vans with a number of coolies appeared on West Soochow Road near Markham Road proceeding East. As soon as the vans appeared about 100 coolies some armed with long bamboo poles and others with stones appeared from Tating Road and ran into Soochow Road to proceed to Markham Road Bridge to meet the M/vans. On seeing this I also ran with my party to the scene and I saw that the vans were being attacked by the mob. I approached and took away a bamboo pole from one of the mob whereupon I was attacked by others members of the mob. I was struck by a large piece of stone which was thrown by one of the attackers. On seeing that I was surrounded by hostile mob I drew my pistol with the intention of intimidating them but the mob refused to be intimidated therefore I fired 2 shots in the air and the mob dispersed, but immediately I stopped firing the mob came towards me and I fired 3 more shots in the air with the result that I was left free to help the coolies who were being attacked. When I arrived at the truck which was being attacked the mob continued to attack me therefore I fired 5 more shots in the air to deter the mob and the mob scattered and that time the Inspector i/c arrived with a party and he instructed me to go to the Police Hospital and have my injuries attended

to. After I emptied my pistol I took the pistol from  
C.P.S. 230 to continue my intimidation of the mob but  
I did not fire any shot from that pistol.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

F. S. 281.

Egon Wolf,

Austria

D.S.I. Darvill,

4 p.m.

28/3/40,

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Clerk Kao Chien.

My name is Egon Wolf, Austrian subject, aged 34, employed as transport engineer, S.M.C./P.W.D. Depot, West Secohow Road near Tatung Road.

At 10 a.m. on the 28/3/40, I was in the Depot and heard an uproar and I proceeded outside onto West Secohow Road and observed two large parties of coolies fighting together.

Members of one of these parties were armed with spears, bamboo poles and wooden batons.

One faction was maliciously damaging goods stored on the Jetties and also used earthenware pots stored in two stationary M/trucks as missiles.

At about 10<sup>05</sup> a.m. Police arrived upon, the scene and attempted to disperse the crowd.

A Russian Police sergeant was then struck upon the face with an earthenware pot thrown at him by one of the crowd and staggered about semi-conscious. Another member of the crowd then approached him and was in the act of endeavouring to strike him with a bamboo pole when I intervened and arrested him and took him into the P.W.D. Depot and handed him into the custody of a Chinese Police Officer and then returned to West Secohow Road and the Russian sergeant still appeared to be in a dazed condition and he then drew his pistol and fired several shots into the air. I then saw several Chinese Police Officers fire at the crowd who dispersed and later the ambulance came, and conveyed away two Chinese who were left lying upon the ground after the crowd had dispersed.

(Sd) Egon Wolf.

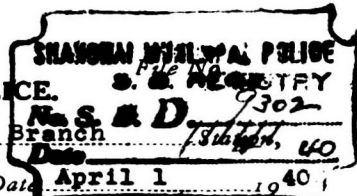
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S. 1. Special Branch  
REPORT

Date April 1, 1940



Subject. Foh Sing No.7 Flour Mill - dispute over employment of  
transportation coolies settled.

Made by. D.S.I. Liao Chung Chien. Forwarded by. D. I. Crawford.

(Vide Special  
Branch  
report dated  
27/3/40.)

(Vide Sinza  
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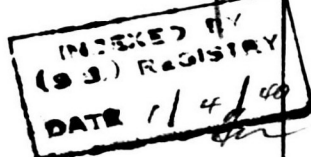
The dispute in the Foh Sing No.7 Flour Mill, No. 101, Lane 1095, Chengtu Road, over the employment of transportation coolies which resulted in a fight between the old and new coolies on March 28, 1940, has been settled through the mediation of Koo Tsoh Shien (顧竹軒), alias Koo Sz (顧四), and Yung Ping Keng (榮炳根), alias Lan Chia Ping Keng (爛脚炳根), two prominent figures in the local underworld fraternity, who have great influence over the transportation coolies.

An agreement was reached between the disputing coolie foremen, Yu Ching Ts (虞敬之) and Sih Yue Kwei (薛有貴), and Yung Ping Keng (榮炳根) whereby the latter will handle the transportation work in future using a part of the old coolies formerly under Yu Ching Ts, whose services were satisfactory. Work was resumed on March 31st with seventy of the old coolies being employed.

Liao Chung Chien.  
D. S. I.

D. C. (Special Branch)

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Section 1, Special Branch,

REPORT

Date March 27th, 1940.

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE

S. File No. 9302-40

No. S. B. D. 7302

Date March 27th, 1940.

Subject. Foh Sing No.7 Flour Mill - agitation among ex-transportation coolies for reinstatement.

Made by D.S.I. Liao Chung-chien. Forwarded by D. I. Crawford.

D.O.B.  
Oik Liza

On the morning of March 27th, 1940, Yu Ching Ts (莫敬之), the foreman of the eighty transportation coolies of the Foh Sing No.7 Flour Mill, Lane 1095, No.101, Chengtu Road (Sinza District), resigned of his own accord with the result that the services of the coolies who were working on a contract system under him were dispensed with by the mill.

On the same day, the mill assigned the transportation work to a foreman named Sih Yeu Kwei (薛友贵) who has engaged forty new coolies under him.

The discharged coolies are demanding reinstatement from the management, who, however, maintain that they were not employed direct by the mill and their demand, therefore, could not be entertained. These coolies are in possession of badges issued by the mill but the management, to avoid trouble from them, have issued fresh badges to the forty new coolies.

Liao Chung Chien  
D. S. I.

D. C. ( Special Branch ).

B. C. (Divisions)

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Sir.

C.C.R. received a message from unknown foreigner reporting riot & assault on Police at Shuntah Rd, C.C.R. passed to R.H. in same manner.

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also  
not  
advised.  
R.H.

Singha had a guard of 1 Foreigner & 6 C.P.C.s. on the tow ship flow mill, West Soochow Road. in anticipation, as a new foreman has been engaged with his own coolies.

New foreman - coolies on their way in 2 furniture vans when intercepted but old coolies outside P.W.D. Depot, West Soochow/Shuntah Road, and pelted with lime & porcelain pots & stones from boats unloading same. They also had spears. About 10 were injured. Police party ran to scene & SS Hodchikoff was struck on the head (not thought too serious).

Police opened fire, 3/4 old coolies and a bystander being hit. all to Police Hospital. 4/5 arrests made by S or R.H. on arrival. Now all quiet, guard outside mill.

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to B. C. (Divisions)

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

File No. 9302

S.I. Special Branch

REPORT

Date February 19, 1940.

Subject Foh Sing No.7 Flour Mill - labour dispute settled.

Made by D.S.I. Macadie

Forwarded by D. I. Crawford

Vide Special  
Branch report  
dated 7/2/40.

Copies to  
D.O.B.  
Singa

R.W.

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The 300 workers of Foh Sing No.7 Flour Mill, Lane 1095, 101, Chengtu Road (Pinza District), who were agitating for an annual bonus towards the end of the last lunar year, have dropped their demand after the management had promised to increase the rice allowance issued to them.

These operatives were issued a rice allowance in accordance with the price of first quality Chinese rice. For every increase of \$5.00 in the price of rice above \$25.00, the workers were issued \$3.00 each but the management never granted more than \$9.00 to each worker per mensem despite the fact that the price of rice at the end of January, 1940 was well above \$40.00 per picul.

In settling the ~~the~~ recent dispute, the management promised that the restriction on the amount of rice allowance issued to the workers would be abolished and that the allowance would be issued in accordance with the market price of the cereal.

On February 17, 1940, the management distributed copies of a guarantee bond to the workers, intimating that same should be furnished by the workers to the mill before the concern, which was on Spring Festival Holiday, resumed operation. According to the regulations, the guarantors should be persons owning

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shops or having good standing in local business circles but as a result of opposition by the workers, the management agreed that the foremen supervising the workers might act as their guarantors.

All the guarantee bonds were duly signed by the workers and the foremen concerned on February 18 and the mill reopened the same day without incident.

*R. W. Mac Cull*

D. S. I.

A.C. (Special Branch)

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

File No. 302

S. 1, Special Branch Station

REPORT

Date February 7, 1940.

Subject Foh Sing Flour Mill - unrest.

Made by D.S.I. MacAdie

Forwarded by D. I. Crawford

After failing to obtain a satisfactory reply to their demand for an annual bonus equivalent to one month's wages, some 50 of the 300 workers of the Foh Sing No.7 Flour Mill, Lane 1095, 101 Chengtu Road, gathered outside the concern at 2 p.m. February 6, 1940, and stopped the motor car in which the Manager Wang Yao Zung (王尧庄) was leaving the mill. A police party from Sinza Station was immediately called to the scene and at the request of the management arrested the following four workers who had been dismissed the same morning for presenting the demand for annual bonus on behalf of their fellow-workers:-

1. Mao Zui Dong (毛瑞棠)
2. Zing Zung Kwei (秦成贵)
3. Li Vung Yuen (李文元)
4. Sung Nyi Ting (孙毅廷)

Special Branch was informed and D.S.I. MacAdie and D.S.I. Liao Chung Chien attended. As a result of interrogation of the four arrested workers it was found that they had presented the demand for an annual bonus to the management on February 3, but the latter had evaded a definite reply and succeeded in closing the mill in the afternoon of February 5, for the Spring Festival holidays as a measure to frustrate all attempts on the part

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of the workers to enforce their demand. The management on the morning of February 6, also announced the dismissal of the above four workers on the grounds that they were guilty of a breach of the regulations of the mill by presenting a demand direct to the manager instead of through their foremen and had also instigated agitation among the workers.

The four arrested persons intimated that they would drop the demand on condition that they would be reinstated.

At 5 p.m. February 6, Wang Yao Zung, manager of the Foh Sing Flour Mill, called at Sinza Station together with Mr. Silby of Messrs. Atkinson & Dallas agents for the British owners of the mill. He was interviewed and stated that he insisted on the dismissal of the four arrested persons but was willing to pay each of them half month's wages for the five days they worked during February and a retiring allowance equivalent to one month's wages.

The four workers agreed to accept the above settlement. At 5.30 p.m. they were released after each having signed a bond pledging that they would refrain from stirring up trouble among the mill workers, and accompanied D.S.I. Liao Chung Chien and C.D.C. 193 (Yang Fee Tsaung) to <sup>the mill</sup> where they were paid their wages and discharge allowance without

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incident.

However, immediately after the four workers left the premises some 100 workers of the mill residing in the quarters of the concern gathered at the entrance of the Manager's office and clamoured for the reinstatement of their four colleagues and the issue of an annual bonus.

It was explained to them by D.S.I. Liao Chung Chien that the four dismissed workers had agreed to leave the employ of the mill after receiving one and half months' wages from the management and that if the crowd still had any real grievances they should send up a delegation to approach the management or request a third party to mediate on their behalf instead of creating a commotion which would only bring about police action. In the meantime, Sinza Station had been informed and Inspector Mason and D.S.I. Sorrie together with a party of Chinese police constables arrived at the mill. The workers eventually dispersed intimating that they would send a delegation to call at the Special Branch on the morning of February 7, 1940, to request mediation.

At 10 a.m. February 7, 1940, Wang Tsung Nien (王忠年), Tsu Lien Tse (朱連志) and Wang Ying Tse (王英芝), three workers of the Foh Sing No.7 Flour Mill, called at Headquarters, and

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requested that the management be asked to reinstate the four dismissed hands and issue the annual bonus as demanded.

It was pointed out to them that with regard to their first demand for the reinstatement of the four workers, it was considered that the dispute had already been settled as the four persons agreed to leave the employ of the mill after receiving one and half months' wages. However, they were promised that their demand for a bonus would be conveyed to the management but no reply could be given until after the Spring Festival. They promised to await the outcome of the negotiations peacefully and withdrew.

C. Y. 9.

R. W. Mac Aulie.

D. S. I.

A. C. (Special Branch).

February 6, 1940,

I,       Mao Zui Dong       , a dismissed  
worker of the Foh Sing Flour Mill No. 7, West  
Soochow Road, having been arrested for intimidating  
the mill manager, Mr. Wang Yao Zung by stopping his  
motor car on February 6, 1940, do hereby guarantee  
that I will hereafter refrain from visiting the  
mill or engaging in any attempts to stir up trouble  
among the mill workers,

(Signed)

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余係福新第七號廠南陽工人  
因於一九四〇年二月六日捕阻  
該廠經理王堯在汽車施行  
威脅及捕房拘詢前願宣  
誓以後再不到該廠或再鼓  
動任何工潮

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毛瑞冬

D.C. (Special Branch)

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Labour Dispute at Feh Shing Flour Mill,  
No. 101, Lane 1088, Cheangtu Road.

At 1.45p.m. on 6-2-40, a telephone message was received at this Station from the Feh Shing Flour Mill, No. 101, Lane 1088, Cheangtu Road, to the effect that a number of workers were causing trouble.

S.I. Wright and G.D.S. 232 proceeded to the scene, where a large number of workers were found outside the mill obstructing the progress of the motor car of the mill manager, Mr. Wong Hu Tsung (王爾忠). The four male Chinese described below, who were pointed out as ringleaders by Mr. Wong, were brought to this Station, the remainder disbanding without incident:-

- (1) Mau Zai Daung (毛瑞堂), 34, Ningpo, S/Coolie,
- (2) Lee Yung Nyeon (李文元), 32, Wush, M/Coolie,
- (3) Sung Yuen Ding (孫源成), 29, Kampo, M/Coolie,
- (4) Kyung Tung Kua (張成貴), 30, Kampo, M/Coolie,

all residing in mill quarters.

From enquiries made by D.S.I. McArdle, D.S.I. Liao Chung Chien (Special Branch), G.D.S. 232 and the undersigned it was ascertained that these four workers are representatives of the various departments in the Feh Shing Mill, who on 5-2-40 made a request to the management for a Chinese New Year bonus equivalent to one month's wages on account of the present high

R.C.Y.

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G.D. & Lih

C.L.

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cost of living. They received no reply to this request, and at 11.45a.m. on 6-2-40 they attempted to interview the manager, but were informed by one of the staff that they were dismissed. As the manager's motor car was leaving the mill at 1.45p.m. on 6-2-40, they stopped same with the object of pleading with the manager for reinstatement.

Mr. Silby, of Atkinson & Dallas, agents for the Foh Shing Flour Mill, and Mr. Wong Su Tsung, attended this Station in connection with this dispute. Mr. Wong stated that he could not reinstate the four dismissed workers, but agreed to pay them a retiring gratuity of one month's wages, which they accepted. They were released at 5.30p.m. on 6-2-40 on signing a guarantee not to cause any further trouble.

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The remainder of the workers were dissatisfied with this arrangement, and intend to present demands to the management for the reinstatement of the four dismissed workers.

The Foh Shing Flour Mill closed down at 2p.m. on 5-2-40, and will not re-open until after the Chinese New Year holidays.

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## SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

File No. ....

Section 1, Special Branch. *Aditoh*

## REPORT

Date January 22nd, 1940.

Subject: Foh Sing Flour Mills Nos. 2 &amp; 8 - workers organize

Self Control Association and apply for recognition.

Made by D.S.I. Liao Chung-chien. Forwarded by D. I. Crawford.

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We shall have to wait whether or not we have by intimation that the Assn. is not all that it should be, caused them to become more closely associated with labour union concern O.O.S.

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with reference to the attached application from the Foh Sing Nos. 2 & 8 Flour mills workers Self Control Association (福新二麵粉廠工友自治會), No. 19, Yeu Tuh Li (有德里), Footoo Road, for registration, enquiries show that the organization came into existence in December, 1939 and is in charge of a committee consisting of the following five persons :-

1. Tsang Tse Tsao (張子初),
2. Yao Meu Sung (姚茂孫),
3. Liu Kuo Zien (劉國泉),
4. Sung Zung Meu (孫仁茂), and
5. Zao Kuo Ching (邵國清).

It claims that it has for its object the promotion of the welfare of the workers of the two flour mills and that up to the present some 426 workers of the two flour mills have joined. Each member, according to the regulations of the association, is required to pay an entrance fee of \$1.00 each in addition to a membership fee of \$0.10 per mensem.

The five committee members of the organization mentioned above have been ascertained to be representatives of the workers of the two mills in the last labour dispute in October, 1939 and there is reason to believe that in case of further labour trouble in the mills in question, they will utilize the association as a directing organ. In the last dispute, the workers of the two mills demanded general improvement in connection with their treatment. They were promised

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by the management that each of them would be entitled to purchase one bag of flour per mensem at a price \$1.00 less than the market rate and subsequently agreed to settle the issue. It is reported that they are now dissatisfied with the above concession because the price of flour has increased to as much as \$10.00 per bag and are now agitating that they be permitted to purchase the food stuff at \$4.50 per bag which is the price at which the Foo Fong Flour Mill, 126 Mokanshan Road, is selling it to the workers of the concern.

The majority of the workers of the two mills are natives of Nupen and many are reported to have affiliation with Tsang Tsao Jang (張楚強), also a native of Nupen, who is an ex-staff member of the Social Affairs Bureau (defunct), and who is now working as officer-in-charge of the Western Branch of the Japanese sponsored "Chinese Labourers' Welfare Association".

The Foh Sing Flour Mill No.2, 5 West Soochow Road, and Foh Sing Flour Mill No.8, 7-8 West Soochow Road, employ some 270 workers each.

*Liao Chung Chien.*  
D. S. I.

Mr. Sz Foh nou (施復候), a representative of the management of the Foh Sing Nos. 2 & 8 Flour Mills, was interviewed at Special Branch on the forenoon of January 13 when his opinion was solicited

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in connection with the formation of a "Foh Sing Nos. 2 & 8 Flour Mills Workers' Self Control Association" by his employees. Although Sz stated that there was no direct evidence that would point to the five workers mentioned in the police report being the ringleaders in the last labour dispute in October, 1939, he gave as his opinion that the formation of a union by his employees was undesirable unless the management had a supervising hand.

Consequently, the following members of the Self Control Association were called to Special Branch on January 15, 1940 :-

1. Tsang Tse Tsao (張子初),
2. Yao Mau Sung (姚茂孫),
3. Liu Kuo Zien (劉國泉),
4. Sung Zung Mau (孫仁茂), and
5. Zao Kuo Ching (邵國清)

when they were informed that their application for registration was under consideration but that the management should be informed of their intentions. They stated that they would re-consider the situation and inform the police of their decision in due course.

On the morning of January 22, the five representatives called at Headquarters again. They stated that they had not approached the management regarding the formation of the organization due to the fear that their representation in this connection might create a dispute and had now decided to abandon the

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scheme of forming the association. They also stated  
that the membership fees collected had been returned  
to the respective members.

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D. I.

A. C. ( Special Branch ).

**SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.****Registration Form for Organizations.**

Municipal Notification No. 4878 of October 21, 1937.

1. Name of Organization Foh Sing Nos. 2 & 8 Flour Mills Workers' Self Control Association.
2. Address No. 19, Yeu Tuh Li, Footoo Road.
3. Object To promote the welfare of the workers.
4. (a) Date of formation 1-10-39. (b) Date of Inauguration 1-12-39.
5. Promoters: Name Yao Meu Sung Occupation worker of No. 8 Mill.
6. Chairman: Name Tsang Tee Tsoc Occupation worker of No. 2 Mill.  
Home address No. 13 Sung Ziang Li, Tonquin Road.  
Business address No. 19 Yeu Tuh Li, Footoo Road.
7. Committee: Name Sung Zung Meu Occupation employee of No. 8 Mill.  
Liu Kuo Zien employee of No. 2 Mill.  
Zao Kuo Ching employee of No. 8 Mill.
8. Sub-Offices, if any: Address Nil.  
Officer-in-charge -
9. Total membership expected Four hundred and sixty-nine members.  
Profession of members in general workers of No. 2 & 8 Mills.  
Membership fee \$0.10 per month.  
Subsidies Nil.
10. Proposed activities To entertain the workers.
11. Registered by Tangpu and/or City Government Nil.  
Serial No. and Date of certificate issued Nil.

Signed Yao Meu Sung.  
Promoters.

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Tsang Tee Tsoc.  
Chairman.

**Recommendation of Special Branch.**

Report attached.

No objection  
Refusal recommended.

Endorsed \_\_\_\_\_  
P.A. to D.C.

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Officer i/c S. I.

Approved

Passed to Commissioner of Police for refusal  
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Foh Sing No. 7 Mill Strike.

Negotiations between the workers and management were resumed on 16/1/40 and the strike was settled when the management offered the following rice allowance.

Price of rice

Between \$25 to \$34.	\$0.10 per day.
" \$35 to \$39.	\$0.20 per day.
Above \$40.	\$0.30 per day.

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## SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

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S. E. DEPARTMENT  
No. S. D. 11, 7302Name:  
Nature of Business:  
Address:  
Submitted by: P. Y. KooApplication No:  
Cad. Lot:  
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## REGISTRATION OF LABOUR UNIONS

I. Foh Sing Flour Mills Workers' Tse Chih Society  
(福新麵粉廠工友自治會)

Three workers' representatives of Foh Sing Flour Mills No. 2 & 8, named Chang Tsi Tsu (張子蘇), Sun Ren Mou (孫仁茂) and Yao Mou Sun (姚慕孫), called in the Industrial Section on December 23, 1939 and submitted a copy of by-laws and membership record of Foh Sing Flour Mills Workers' Tse Chih Society for registration. They have been instructed before that the organization should be formed only with the purpose of increasing their knowledge, productive efficiency, maintaining their working conditions and providing proper recreation. They were instructed to call in Special Branch of S.M.P. and to apply for registration.

II. Workers' Club of Casablancas Factory of Liddell Brothers & Company (卡士蘭人機製造廠)

A workers' representative of Casablancas Factory of Liddell Brothers & Company (卡士蘭人機製造廠), named Ho Ling Yoong (何榮湧), called in the Industrial Section at 10 a.m., December 30, 1939 and submitted a copy of drafted by-laws of Tsai Yih Workers' Club of Liddell Brothers & Co. (卡士蘭人機製造廠). The factory regulations provide for recognition of an organization provided it satisfied the Industrial Section. He requested the Industrial Section representative to be present at a general meeting at their club house, 125 Sheo Ping Lee, Ward Road (上海法界) at 9 a.m., January 1, 1940. He was instructed not to call any general meeting before the workers' club was registered in the Special Branch of S.M.P. and this organization should be formed only with the purpose of increasing their knowledge, productive efficiency, maintaining their working conditions and providing proper recreation. He agreed to comply.

III. Workers' Club of S. Hentrie & Co. (德士利華紗織工廠)

The workers' representatives of S. Hentrie & Co., named Hsin Hing Yiang and Chia Tsai Chao, called in the Industrial Section at 9 a.m., January 3, 1940 and submitted a copy of drafted by-laws of the Workers' Club

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of S. Moutrie & Company for registration. They were instructed that the club should be only with the purpose of increasing their knowledge, productive efficiency, maintaining their working conditions and providing proper recreation and registration could be applied for to the Special Branch of S. M. P.

Date October 21, 1939.

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

Industrial Section Report

REGISTRY  
No. S. B. D. 9302

Name: Foh Sing Flour Mill No.2  
Nature of Business:  
Address: 5 West Soochow Road  
Submitted by: P. Y. Koo

Application No:  
Cad. Lot:  
District:  
Read by: *Smith*

INDUSTRIAL UNREST  
AMONG FLOUR MILL WORKERS

Some 210 mill workers employed by the Foh Sing Flour Mill No.2, 5 West Soochow Road, have submitted to the management in September, 1939 a written request for a restoration of \$1.50 rice allowance, and the privilege of having flour sold to them at \$4.50 per bag, since they learned that the Fou Foong (阜丰) and Sing Dah (恒达) Flour Mills have granted these benefits to the workers on September 18, 1939. The demands were refused by the mill authorities, who had cancelled the rice allowance and substituted a 20% wage increase.

Four representatives of the workers, named Wei Chih Si (魏志士), Liu Tsi Wu (刘锡武), Liu Tsi Tung (刘锡东) and Chang Tsi Tsu (张锡苏), called at the Industrial Section on October 19, 1939 and submitted a petition requesting mediation.

I called on Mr. Loh Fu Chen (罗辅仁), Manager of Foh Sing Flour Mill No.2, 5 Soochow Road, this morning, October 21 for investigation. Mr. Loh stated that the management has granted a 20% increase in wages to the workers and cancelled the \$1.50 rice allowance on September 15, 1939. He said that he could not ask the mill authority to consider their demands since the workers in Foh Sing Flour Mill No.7 are quite satisfied with the present treatment. The workers' representatives claimed that the workers in the No.7 mill, because they are better treated and wages are higher than those in the No.2 mill. Therefore Mr. Loh agreed to investigate whether the wages and treatment of the workers between the two mills and to consider an equal treatment.

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October 20, 1939  
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## SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

### Industrial Section Report

Name: Foh Sing Flour Mills  
Nature of Business:  
Address: 5 West Soochow Road  
Submitted by: P. Y. Koo

Application No:  
Cad. Lot:  
District:  
Read by: *Smith*

### INDUSTRIAL UNREST AMONG FLOUR MILL TRANSPORTATION COOLIES

In connection with some 460 male transportation coolies employed by the Foh Sing Flour Mills and Hwa Fong Flour Mill demanding from their respective managements an additional increase of 2.5 in wages and the privilege of having flour sold to them at \$4.50 per bag, I called on Mr. Wang Yao Chen (王尧臣), manager of Foh Sing Flour Mill No. 7, Lane 1073/50 Chengtu Road, this morning, October 20, 1939 for the purpose of mediation. He stated that he will consider only the question of the additional increase of 2.5 in wages. He will consult with other mill authorities and will communicate with the Industrial Section before next Wednesday, October 25, 1939.

Action arising:

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P. Y. Koo*

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Date..... October 19, 1939.

## SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

Inspection Report

Name: Foh Sing Flour Mills  
 Nature of Business:  
 Address: 5 West Soochow Road  
 Submitted by: P. Y. Koo

Application No:  
 Cad. Lot:  
 District:  
 Read by: *W.H.*

INDUSTRIAL UNREST  
 AMONG FLOUR MILL TRANSPORTATION COOLIES

Some 460 male transportation coolies employed by the Foh Sing Flour Mills, (福新) No. 2 Mill, 5 West Soochow Road, No. 7 Mill, Lane 1073/50 Chengtu Road, and Hwa Foong (华丰) Flour Mill, 289 Ferry Road, have submitted to their respective managements, in September, 1939, a written request for an additional increase of 2.5% in wages and selling flour to the coolies at \$4.50 per bag, since they learned that the Foh Foong (阜丰) and Sing Dah Flour Mills (盛大) have granted these benefits to their coolies on September 18, 1939. The demands were refused by the mill authorities.

Six representatives of the transportation coolies called at the Industrial Section on October 18, 1939 and submitted a petition requesting mediation.

I called on Mr. Loh Fu Chen (陆辅仁), manager of Foh Sing Flour Mill No. 2, 5 West Soochow Road, this morning, October 19 for investigation. Mr. Loh stated that an agreement of increasing 17.5% in wages has been made by the representatives of both the transportation coolies and the flour mill managements at Foh Sing Flour Mill No. 7, Lane 1073/50 Chengtu Road on July 10, 1939, and so he insisted that no further increase could be granted. He also refused to sell flour to the coolies at a cheap price.

Action arising:

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*W. H. L.*

FRENCH POLICE INTELLIGENCE REPORT.

September 12, 1939.

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Flour mill strike ended.

At 11.30 a.m. yesterday a meeting between representatives of the Fou Foong Mill, 126 Mokanshan Road, and the Sing Tah Flour Mill, 3 Macao Road, and of the strikers was held at the Fou Foong Mill, at which an official of the Industrial Section of the Shanghai Municipal Council was in attendance.

The strike of the workers was settled on the following conditions:-

- 1) That the nine workers arrested by the Police be released on security to be provided by the management.
- 2) That the 19 workers whose dismissal has been announced by the management be reinstated.
- 3) That the workers be given an increase of \$5 per mensem.
- 4) That the former free school for the children of the workers be re-opened as soon as a site has been found.
- 5) That no pay be deducted for the duration of the strike.
- 6) That Russian watchmen cease beating workers without cause.
- 7) That no worker be dismissed without valid cause.

The official from the Industrial Section then proceeded to Pootoo Road Police Station. The Police have promised to release the men and to withdraw the charges against them.

Satisfied with these arrangements, the strikers returned to work at 6 p.m.

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Date..... September 11, 1939.

**SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL COUNCIL****Inspection Report**

Name: **Fou Feong Flour Mill**  
 Nature of Business:  
 Address: **126 Mokanshan Road**  
 Submitted by: **P. Y. Koo**

Application No:  
 Cad. Lot:  
 District:  
 Read by:

**INDUSTRIAL DISPUTE**

The strike of some 350 workers of the Fou Feong (阜丰) Flour Mill, 126 Mokanshan Road, and 180 workers of the Sing Dah (信大) Flour Mill, 10-12 Macao Road, continues this morning, September 11, 1939.

Three representatives of the workers, named Chih Wai Tuh (纪维图), Yang Hsiao Tsong (杨孝宗), Chang Chieh Cheng (张启成), called in this morning and reported that they have submitted the following demands to the management yesterday, September 10.

1. That nine workers who have been arrested be released and reinstated.
2. That the dismissed workers be reinstated
3. That the livelihood of all workers be guaranteed and there be no dismissal without reason.
4. That if a part of machinery suspends operation, the workers shall not be transferred to other job.
5. That foreign staff shall not beat and scold workers.
6. That every worker be granted an allowance of \$8 per month.
7. That the workers' Children school be reopened.

I called on Mr. Y. P. Sun (孙仰平), mill manager, in his office this morning, and he gave the following promises to the workers' demands.

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1. Nine workers who were taken into custody by the Police and have been brought before the Court on a charge of intimidation. So it is in the hands of the Police, but the management would request the Police to withdraw the case if the workers will resume work immediately.
2. Nineteen workers who have been dismissed by a notice issued on September 8 will be all reinstated.
3. The management never dismiss any worker without any reason.
4. The management has the right to assign any worker to any other job if necessary and the workers could not interfere.
5. The Russian watchman has been instructed not to beat and scold workers hereafter.
6. An increase of \$5 in wage per month has been granted to all workers, including the rice allowance of \$1 granted in July, and a notice was issued to this effect on September 10.
7. The management is considering to reopen the workers' children school in the near future.

I called on the representatives of the workers in the mill quarters and explained to them the promises that have been made by the management. I persuaded the workers to resume work this afternoon. The workers finally agreed to resume work with the consent of these representatives who are in the Peotco Road Station.

I called on Mr. Watson at Peotco Road Station with three workers' representatives to explain to the nine strike leaders the terms which have been promised by the management. They all agreed and asked the three representatives to tell the workers to resume work at 3 o'clock this evening. Mr. Watson promised to withdraw the charge against these nine leaders in the Court and to release them on Saturday, September 16, 1939.

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The workers of both Fou Foong and Sing Dah Flour Mills, after they heard the report of their representatives, resumed work at 4 p.m. Mr. Watson and I visited the mill again at 6 p.m. and found that it was operating as usual.

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Date **September 9, 1939.****SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL COUNCIL****Inspection Report**

Name: **Fou Foong Flour Mill**  
Nature of Business:  
Address: **126 Mokanshan Road**  
Submitted by: **P. Y. Koo**

Application No:  
Cad. Lot:  
District:  
Read by:

**INDUSTRIAL DISPUTE**

The strike of some 850 workers of the Fou Foong (阜丰) Flour Mill, 126 Mokanshan Road, and 180 workers of the Sing Dah (信大) Flour Mill, 10/12 Macao Road, continues this morning, September 9.

Nine strike leaders who have been arrested by the Pootoo Road Station were sent to Shanghai Special District Court for violating Articles 73 & 74 of the Factory Law by duress forcing other workers to strike and obstructing the operation of a factory. The case was postponed one week for investigation.

Negotiation between the management and representatives of the workers was going on pending a settlement. The management agreed to grant an allowance of \$2 per month. But the workers insisted that nine of their representatives be set free before they will resume work.

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The nine accused in this case were arraigned before the S.S.D.Court on the 9.9.39., when they were charged with "Intimidation" at the instigation of Mr. Tan Teoh Kiang, Work Manager, representative of the Foo Fong Flour Mill. The case was remanded until 16.9.39. to enable detectives to arrest five other offenders, who are mentioned in the previous diary.

On the 11.9.39., representatives of the mill workers interviewed the Mill Management and agreed to resume work providing that the following demands were granted:-

1. The nine accused be reinstated and the charge against them withdrawn.

2. A \$4.00 per month increase in wages, including the \$1.00 rice allowance, be continued, which had been granted since July 1st, 1939.

The above demands met with the approval of the mill management and work was resumed on the 12.9.39.

When the accused re-appear before the Court on the 16.9.39., Mr. Tan Teoh Kiang, Work Manager and Mr. C.F. Tien, Assistant Manager, will request the release of the accused on behalf of the Foo Fong Flour Mill.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

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Protee Road Station 9302  
Date Sept. 11, 1939.

REPORT

Subject Further Report on Strike of Foo Foong and Sing Dah Flour Mill Workers.

Made by D. S. I. Tilton.

Forwarded by

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Officer i/c.

Sir,

The strike of some 850 workers of the Foo Foong Flour Mill, No. 126 Mokanshan Road and 180 workers of the Sing Dah Flour Mill, Nos. 10-12 Macao Road, terminated at 4:30 p.m. September 11, 1939. The night shift workers of both mills numbering 130 and 40 persons respectively, had resumed work and all the day shift workers are expected to relieve the operation at 8 a.m. 12.9.39.

The settlement of the dispute was reached between the mill management and the representatives of the workers, whereupon the management agreed to grant a general wage increase of \$5.00 per month to all workers with effect from September 1st, 1939, including the \$1.00 of rice allowance which was granted since July 1st, 1939.

The representatives made a demand that the arrested men be immediately released by the Police, however, on being informed by the Officer i/c. District and Mr. Koo Ping Yuan (許平遠), Industrial Section, S.M.C., that this could not be carried out until Saturday, September 16th, 1939., when the men will be arraigned before the Court, the representatives were satisfied. The arrested men are to be reinstated in the mill as agreed by the management.

*A.C. Tilton*  
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D.D.O. "B" Division.

MISC. REPORT NO. 227.

## SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DEPARTMENT.

## REPORT ON STRIKE

Poston Road Station Sept. 8, 1939

Time and date reported 12.40 a.m. Time and date I.O. informed Copy to Special Branch.

By whom reported Mr. Sung Pak Chun ( 18 10 34 ), Mill Manager.

Trade or profession of strikers Flour Mill workers

Number of strikers Male 1,070 Female --- Apprentices ---

Employer's name, address and business Foo Yeong Flour Mill ( 18 10 34 )  
126 Wokanshan Road and Sing Pak Flour Mill ( 18 10 34 ) 10 Wokan Road.

Union to which strikers belong No union

Cause of strike and demands made by strikers Known to be the motive of discontent of the present rate of pay. No demand has yet been submitted.

When did discontent amongst strikers first commence 12 mid-night 7-8-39.

What action (if any) did employers take to remedy cause of discontent prior to commencement of strike Employer was not aware prior to the strike.

What action (if any) have the employers taken to meet the demands of the strikers Employer will take into consideration of the demands submitted by the strikers if there would be any.

Names and addresses of strike leaders As far as ascertained is as follow,  
1. Tang Pak To ( 18 10 34 ), 2. Yu Sze Liang ( 18 10 34 ) and 3. Tang Yung Pian ( 18 10 34 ).

Has the strike or its cause any political inspiration No. Mill quarters ( 18 10 34 ).

Meeting places of strikers Mill Quarters, 126 Wokanshan Road.

Number of persons arrested for offences arising out of strike No arrests made

Particulars of literature (if any) circulated relative to strike No.

Name and address of printer of such circulars ---

Precautions taken by Police No outward incident occurred, Special Police duty being posted in the mill.

SENIOR DET. I/O.	INSPECTOR I/O.	D. O. G. 15	I. O.
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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

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Pootoo Road Station 9302

REPORT

Date Sept. 11, 1939.

Subject Further Report on Strike of Foo Foong and Sing Dah Flour Mill Workers.

Made by D. S. I. Tilton.

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Officer i/c.

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*[Signature]*  
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Date: September 8, 1939.

## SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

Inspection Report

Name: **Fou Foong Flour Mill**  
 Nature of Business:  
 Address: **126 Mokanshan Road**  
 Submitted by: **P. Y. Koo**

Application No:  
 Cad. Lot:  
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INDUSTRIAL DISPUTE

Some 850 workers of the Fou Foong ( *FF* ) Flour Mill, 126 Mokanshan Road, and 180 workers of the Sing Dah ( *SD* ) Flour Mill, 12/12 Macao Road, declared a "tai-kung" strike at 12 mid-night, September 7, 1939 in order to enforce the following demands:

1. That every worker be granted an allowance of \$5 each month.
2. That the foreign miller shall not beat and scold workers.
3. That the management shall not dismiss workers without reason.
4. That the workers' children school be reopened.

The workers of the Fou Foong Flour Mill submitted a petition to the Industrial Section this morning, September 8, requesting mediation.

I called on the management, Mr. Y. P. Sun ( *Y. P. Sun* ) at the mill premises in this afternoon. Mr. Sun stated that the workers made no demands to the management before they declared a strike, which was against the Factory Law, promulgated by the National Government of the Republic of China, and the management decided to dismiss 19 strike leaders and asked the Police Department to take action against strike leaders in the Court for violating Articles 73 & 74 of the Factory Law. However, he continued, the management wish the Industrial Section would mediate this dispute and will consider the workers' demands if they resume work immediately.

I called on the representatives of the workers and tried to persuade them to resume work and at same time to negotiate with the management pending a settlement. The workers insisted that eight of their representatives who have been arrested by the police should be set free, before they would resume work and negotiate with the management. The workers were asked to send three representatives and to call in the Industrial Section for discussing the resumption of work.

Action arising:

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*Handwritten initials and date 9/9*

MISC. REPORT NO. 127/39

## SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DEPARTMENT

## REPORT ON STRIKE

Footoo Road Station Sept. 3, 1939

Time and date reported 12.404.m. Time and date I.O. informed Copy to Special Branch.

By whom reported Mr. Sung Puh Chang (楊澤昌), Mill Manager.

Trade or profession of strikers Flour Mill workers

Number of strikers Male 1,070 Female --- Apprentices ---

Employer's name, address and business Foo Foong Flour Mill (福豐),  
126 Mokanshan Road and Sing Dah Flour Mill (新大), 10 Lachao Road.

Union to which strikers belong No union

Cause of strike and demands made by strikers Known to be the motive of discontent  
of the present rate of pay. No demand has yet been submitted.

When did discontent amongst strikers first commence 12mid-night 7-9-39.

What action (if any) did employers take to remedy cause of discontent prior to  
commencement of strike Employer was not aware prior to the strike.

What action (if any) have the employers taken to meet the demands of the strikers  
Employer will take into consideration of the demands submitted by  
the strikers if there would be any.

Names and addresses of strike leaders As far as ascertained is as follows:

1. Yang Zeh Ts (楊澤三), 2. Yu Sze Liang (于世良) and 3. Tung Yung Piau (董永彪).  
Has the strike or its cause any political inspiration No. Mill Quarters (磨房).

Meeting places of strikers Mill Quarters, 126 Mokanshan Road.

Number of persons arrested for offences arising out of strike No arrests made

Particulars of literature (if any) circulated relative to strike No.

Name and address of printer of such circulars ---

Precautions taken by Police No untoward incident occurred, Special Police duty  
being posted in the mill.

SENIOR DET. I/C.	INSPECTOR I/C.	I. D. O.	I. O.
AG. T. H. D.H.	Jimm	I. C.	Seen by AG (C) I. C.

NOTE. "Further" reports should be submitted on the usual Report form.

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# SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE

## CRIME DIARY.

SHANGHAI

S. M. REG. 511

No. 5. B. D.

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Division

Yoo-too Road

Police Station

8.9.39.

Crime Report No. 1124/39.

Diary Number 1.

(Sheet No. 1.)

Nature of Offence

35.

Time at which investigation began and time at which ended each day

3:30p.m. - 10:30p.m.  
5:30p.m. - 8:30p.m.  
8.9.39.

Place and in course of investigation each day

No. 126 Mokanshan Road.

Det. Office.

### RECORD OF INVESTIGATION

Place of investigation of premises

Foo Foong Flour Mill, No. 126 Mokanshan Road.

Time and date of offence

Between 8 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. 8.9.39.

Time of investigation

At 8:30 p.m. 8.9.39. by telephons.

Name of station and address of complainant

The Foo Foong Flour Mill, No. 126 Mokanshan Road.

Rep. Mr. Lee Tsoh Liang (126 Mokanshan Rd.).

Nine male Chinese arrested and charged.

Rd.

Number of criminals with full individual description

1. Tan Li Hwang, 21, Anhwei, 14/coolie, 126 Mokanshan Rd.
2. Ting Nyoh Ling, 32, " " " "
3. Sung Pung Chong, 27, " " " "
4. Kwei To Yuen, 31, " " " "
5. Tsang Voong Ling, 31, " " " "
6. Tung Yang Piau, 31, " " " "
7. Yang Tsuh Ts, 32, " " " "
8. Wong Yuen Lung, 26, Kampo, 126 Mokanshan Road.
9. Zau Ding Hung, 24, Anhwei, 14/coolie, " "

Arrests

Nine by uniform party.

Classification of property stolen

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Value \$

Classification of property recovered

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Value \$

In cases of Murder or Suspected Murder points (a) to (d) should be answered.

- (a) Time and date body was discovered.
- (b) Position, appearance and marks on body.
- (c) Apparent cause of death.
- (d) Motive if known.

Full Details of Method used in Committing offence.

In cases of larceny, housebreaking etc., all the points (e) to (i) should be answered, if known. In all cases in which there is fraud, the false pretence and the character assumed by the suspect should be fully described.

- (e) Mode of entry, including manner of approach to premises.
- (f) Means used (tools etc.)
- (g) Character assumed by criminal, and story told, etc.
- (h) Mode of transport and description.
- (i) Peculiar act (poisoning dog, partaking of food etc.)

Prevented mill workers by means of threats from carrying out their employment.

CRIME DIARY NO. 1. (SHEET NO. 2)

- (j) What staff employed on premises?  
(k) Are they all "old" servants?  
(l) If not, what was their last employment and for how long?  
(m) What was their "characters"?  
(n) If any suspicion attached to any of them and if so, which one and for what reason?  
(o) Are old servants suspected?  
(p) Are friends and visitors above suspicion if not, who is suspected?

Remarks

(Any outstanding or peculiar feature to be commented on by investigating officer).

At about 8:30 a.m. 8.9.39., a telephone message was received from Mr. C.F. Tien (田澄甫), Assistant Mill Manager of the Foo Yung Flour Mill (阜丰通粉厂), No.126 Mokanshan Road, to the effect that several dismissed employees were preventing motor trucks and day shift workers from entering the Flour mill and inciting them to strike by means of threats.

Inspector Watson and a party of police attended and the under mentioned persons, who were identified by Mr. Tse Tech Kiang (嵇江), work manager, as the offenders, were arrested:-

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| 1. Tse Kye Huang     | (朱家漢) | 31, Anhwei. |
| 2. Ting Nyeh Ling    | (丁玉林) | 32, "       |
| 3. Sung Pung Chong   | (孫永昌) | 27, "       |
| 4. Kwei Te Yuen      | (桂子元) | 33, "       |
| 5. Tseung Voong Ling | (張鳳林) | 31, "       |
| 6. Tung Yung Chiu    | (童永橋) | 26, "       |
| 7. Yang Teuh Ts      | (楊澤之) | 32, "       |
| 8. Wong Yuen Sung    | (王雲生) | 26, Kampo.  |
| 9. Gau Ding Hung     | (高廷洪) | 24, Anhwei. |

The 1st, 2nd and 3rd accused were arrested by Inspector Watson when trying to leave the mill premises, the 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th were arrested at the mill entrance on Mokanshan Road, the 8th was arrested a few yards away from the mill while mixing with a number of loafer class, and the 9th was also arrested near the mill by S.I. Chiang Ling Ziang.

Subsequent enquiries by the undersigned, C.D.S. 47 and C.D.C. 145 revealed that Mr. Tse Tech Kiang had dismissed the nine accused together with 10 others on account of a strike being declared by night shift workers on the early morning of 8.9.39. (vide Strike Report, Misc. No.

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Between 8 a.m. and 8.30 a.m. 8.9.39., the accused together with five others not in custody, namely,

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| 1. Wong Hwa Tsang | { 王 華 章 }. |
| 2. Yue Si Liang   |            |
| 3. Tsang Kya Sung |            |
| 4. Tsah Lien Tsee |            |
| 5. Wong Yuh Sung  |            |

had by means of threats prevented the day shift workers, who were willing to resume work, from entering the mill and also motor trucks, which wished to enter for removing flour.

During the afternoon of 8.9.39., an unknown male Chinese presented to Mr. Koo Ping Yuan ( / 柯 平 元 ) of the S.M.C. Industrial Section, a letter stating the demands of the mill workers. The demands were as follows:-

1. \$5.00 increase in wages per month for all workers.
2. No further abuse from the foreign staff.
3. No further dismissal of workers under any circumstances.
4. The school for workers' children to be re-opened.

The accused were charged at the instigation of the mill authorities and will appear before the S.S.D. Court on the 9.9.39., when a remand will be requested to enable detectives to effect the arrest of

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the remaining offenders.

The 9 accused persons denied the charge.



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Gen. Det. i/c.

D.D.O. "B" Division.

Copies to D.C. (Special Branch) &  
D.C. (Divisions).

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL  
S. S. REG.  
No. S. B. D.  
Date

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August 23, 39.

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Trouble at Foh Sing Flour Mill.

At 8-10 a.m. on 23/8/39 a telephone message was received at this station from a foreman named Yue Kyung Ts (虞敬之), manager of the Foh Sing (福新) No. 7 Flour Mill, No. 80, Lane 1073, Chengtu Road, to the effect that workers at above address were being instigated to go on strike. S.I. Alexandreff, S.I. Wong, and C.D.C. 38 proceeded to the scene, where on arrival it was found that work was proceeding as usual, no signs of trouble being observed.

From enquiries made by C.D.C. 38 and the under-  
signed, it was ascertained that about 160 transport-  
ation coolies employed in above flour mill were  
granted a wage increase of 17.5% on 10/7/39, but  
on 17/8/39 declared a strike in order to enforce  
a demand for an additional increase of 2.5%, which  
was granted. (See Daily Intelligence Reports of  
13/7/39, 19/8/39, and 23/8/39.) About 8 a.m. on  
23/8/39 one of these coolies named Mo Sian Foo (馬小富),  
30, Kompe, incited the remainder to demand that the  
management supply each man with a sack of flour free  
of charge. The foreman, Yue Kyung Ts, then telephoned  
the station, but before the arrival of police, Mo  
Sian Foo left the scene, while the other

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On 3/4/41, at 10:30 P.M., a group of about 100 coolies, some of whom were armed with clubs and stones, gathered in front of the mill.

At 11:00 P.M. on 3/4/41, an agent named (Ithel), who was on duty at the mill, reported the fact that a group of about 100 coolies, about half of whom were armed with clubs and stones, had gathered in front of the mill and presented them with demands for a free sack of flour. C.F.S. 1461, on duty at the mill, reported the incident by telephone to this station, and a party of police under S.I. Alexandroff attended, but on arrival found that the coolies had dispersed.

The transportation coolies are at present working as usual, but as a precautionary measure, the police guard is being maintained at the mill.

Copy to Special Branch.

  
Senior Detective i/c.

  
D.S. 249.

  
D.D.O. "B" Division.

Date: August 17, 1939

# SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

## Industrial Inspection Report

Name: Fong Jinn	Room 111	No. 7 Transportation	Application No:
Nature of Business:		coolies	Cad. Lot:
Address:	Lane 1373/5	Shengta Road	District:
Submitted by:	P. L. Foo		Read by:

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Some 100-150 transportation coolies employed by Fong Jinn, Room 111 No. 7, Lane 1373/5 Shengta Road, declared a strike this morning, August 17, in order to enforce a demand for an additional increase of 2.5% in wages, since they heard that the management have granted 20% increase of wages to the employees and other mill coolies on August 15, 1939. The Industrial Section was asked for mediation. After negotiation with the management, the transportation coolies resumed work in the afternoon on my advice pending a settlement.

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Action arising:

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

Misc. File No. 152/39.

20000 Road. Station,

REPORT

Date 15.8.39.

Subject (in full) Transport mill employees request 40% increase.

(Further report.)

Made by D.S.I. Tilton.

Forwarded by

Inspt. 1/c.

Sir,

At 5.30 p.m. 14.8.39. the managements of the three flour mills namely (1) Sing Dah ( ) Flour Mill, 10-12 Macao Road, (2) Woo Fong ( ) Flour Mill, 126 Wokanshan Road and (3) Foh Sing ( ) Flour Mill, Nos. 2-4-B, 5678 West Boochow Road, disclosed that an increase of wages of 17.5% was granted to the transport coolies to meet the present high costs of living.

The coolies were satisfied with the decision.

D.S.I.

D.D.O. B. Division.

Ref: No:

Date: July 10, 1939.

## SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

Inspection Report

Name:  
 Nature of Business:  
 Address:  
 Submitted by: P. Y. Koo

Application No:  
 Cad. Lot:  
 District:  
 Read by: *Guaranteed*

UNREST AMONG FLOUR MILL  
Transportation Coolies

The representatives of flour mill transportation coolies had a meeting with the representative of flour mill management, Mr. Wang (王先臣) at Foh Sing Flour Mill No. 7, Lane 1073, 50 Chengtu Road, on July 8, 1939, negotiating on increase of wage rates for transportation of wheat and flour per bag from the creek to mill godown. The management agreed to increase wage rates by ten percent but the representatives of transportation coolies were not satisfied with the amount of increase, and another meeting was arranged between two parties at 12 o'clock this noon at the same place for further negotiation.

The representatives of flour mill transportation coolies sent a request for mediation to the Industrial Section, if they fail to reach any conclusion at to-day's meeting.

July 11, 1939.

The representatives of transportation coolies and of flour mill managements met yesterday noon at Foh Sing Flour Mill No. 7, Lane 1073, 50 Chengtu Road. An increase of 17.5% on wage rates for transportation of wheat and flour bags from the creek to mills and godowns has been agreed by both parties, and a written agreement will be signed by the representatives of both parties at this noon, at the same place.

*C. Y. Koo*

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*Shanghai*  
*July 11/39*

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Action arising:

*Shanghai*  
*July 11/39*

Ref: No: .....

Date.....July 4, 1939.

**SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL COUNCIL**  
*Industrial Section*  
Inspection Report

Name:  
 Nature of Business:  
 Address:  
 Submitted by: P. Y. Koo

Application No:  
 Cad. Lot:  
 District:  
 Read by: *9.11.4*

INDUSTRIAL UNREST AMONG FLOUR MILL  
 TRANSPORTATION COOLIES

I called on the management of the following flour mills to-day:

Foh Sing (福新二廠) Flour Mill No.2, 5 West  
 Soochow Road

Foh Sing (福新七廠) Flour Mill No.7, Lane 1073/50  
 Chengtu Road

Fou Foong (阜丰) Flour Mill, 126 Mokanshan Road.

Sing Dah (信大) Flour Mill, 10 Macao Road

Hwa Foong (華丰) Flour Mill, 289 Ferry Road.

Some 800 male transportation coolies employed by the above mentioned flour mills have submitted to their respective managements, on June 29, 1939, a written request for a 40% increase in wages owing to the present high cost of living. Although the coolies are directly employed by the mills, they are under the control of foreman or "Kung Tou" (工頭) of each mill. Their wages are paid on the wage rates fixed by the mill management and "Kung Tou" before the hostilities.

The representatives of the above mills said that the requests are now under consideration by the mill authorities, who will call a meeting discussing the matter this week. They were asked to send in a copy of wage rates of transporting wheat and flour per bag.

July 5, 1939.

I called on the "Kung Tou" (工頭) of transportation coolies of Foh Sing Flour Mill No.2, named Wang Tsuan-Wong (王全旺), at Lane 1034, 23 Tonquin Road, to-day. He said that he will inform the representatives of the other mills to call in this office to-morrow morning at 9:30.

July 6, 1939.

The following representatives of transportation coolies of flour mills and godowns called in this office

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at 9:30 a.m.

Foh Sing Flour Mill No.2, Wang Tsuan-wong  
(王全旺) representating 220 coolies

Foh Sing Flour Mill No.7, Yu Ching-tse  
(虞敬之) representating 160 coolies.

Fou Foong Flour Mill, Fuan Heng-foh  
(阮亨福) representating 180 coolies.

Fou Foong Godown, Jen Yung-shan  
(任玉山) representing 100 coolies

Sing Dah Flour Mill, Wang Chih-ping  
(王伯炳)

Hwa Foong Flour Mill, Wang Ting-sen  
(王廷陞)

They are the representatives and "Kung Tou" (工头) of the transportation coolies of the flour mills. They said that they have sent a written request to Shanghai Flour Mill Trade Association, on June 26, 1932, and a second request sent to their respective managements, on June 29th. They said that their request for an increase of 40% on the wage rates because of the present high cost of living and wish that the Industrial Section of S.M.C. would call a meeting for mediation. They were asked to send in a list of monthly earnings of the transportation coolies for the months of May & June.

I called on the manager of the Sing Flour Mills, Mr. Wang Yao Chen (王毅贞), at Foh Sing Flour Mill, Lane 1073/50 Chengtu Road, this noon. He told me that a meeting of mill authorities will be held in Shanghai Flour Mill Trade Association for consideration of the requests submitted by transportation coolies and results will be informed to this office.

P. Y. Kuo

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

Misc File No. 152/39.

REPORT

Routao Road Station, 302

Date 30.6.39. 319 33

Subject (in full) Transport mill employees request 40% increase.

Made by D.S.I. Tilton.

Forwarded by

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Inspt. 1/c.

Sir,

At about 1 p.m. Thursday, June 29, 1939 coolies employed by the following mills made a request to the managements in writing for 40% increase in salaries to meet the higher costs of living.

(1) Sing Dah (信大) Flour Mill, 10-12 Macao Road.

A number of 60 male transport coolies involved.

(2) Foo Foong (伏丰) Flour Mill, 126 Mokanshan Road.

A number of 220 male transport coolies involved.

(3) Foh Sing (福生) Flour Mill, Nos. 2-4-8, 5678

West Soochow Road. A number of 220 male transport coolies involved.

No trouble is expected and the requests are receiving consideration by the mill authorities mentioned.

D.D.O. "B" Division.

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S. I. REGISTRY
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Date _____

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE

Misc File No. 152/39.

REPORT

Police Station No. 9302  
Date 30.6.39

Subject (in full) Transport mill employees request 40% increase.

Made by D.S.I. Tilton.

Forwarded by J. M. Allison Inspt. i/c.

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